Recent webinars and remote events:

- The slides and recording of the webinar Ripple effects of the war in Ukraine: What role can 'adaptive' social protection play to prepare for and respond to anticipated global price shocks and hunger? can be accessed here. The webinar discussed the potential impacts of the conflict in Ukraine. The webinar provided a background of what the current scenarios for low- and middle-income countries look like, including some data-informed simulations of which countries may be most affected. The webinar also discussed the most pressing issues relating to increasing the adaptability of social protection systems.
- This IDS seminar introduced the BASIC (Better Assistance in Crises) Research, an FCO-funded programme examining how to strengthen assistance in protracted crises through improved ways of linking social protection and humanitarian aid. This launch seminar outlined the big questions and debates for BASIC in the years ahead.
- Round table discussion on delivering social protection in FCV contexts. The roundtable was organised by UNICEF, UNHCR and the World Bank. The discussion focused on learnings from operationalising social protection in four diverse contexts impacted by fragility, conflict, and violence. The four countries discussed were Mozambique, Mauritania, Yemen and Republic of Congo.
- Podcast on Emerging Research on Social Protection in Contexts of Fragility and Displacement organized by UNICEF, UNHCR, OECD and the World Bank
- BASIC Research Programme held a roundtable focusing on the knowledge gaps and policy challenges of delivering social assistance in crisis contexts. The roundtable aimed to generate feedback on how to make the project valuable and add value where there are gaps in knowledge.
- SPACE’s Social Protection Killer Facts: This document presents a selection of high-level facts and figures about social protection, summarising current data and evidence in the field. Points have been selected with a view to currency and analytical rigour. It is intended that the facts and figures from this document be used to support officers in developing analysis and strengthening arguments relating to social protection.
- A very timely podcast organised by socialprotection.org discussing Social Protection for Ukrainian Refugees with Susanne Klink, Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Inclusion lead for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, Regional Bureau for Europe.
- For recordings of other recent webinars which are not yet available, please check the following websites:
  - Socialprotection.org
  - Cash Hub (cash-hub.org) Recently published

Recently published: Articles/Blogs/Research/Guidance/Discussion threads/Policy briefs

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- This brief provides some initial guidance for those wanting to deepen their understanding of SRSP from a financing perspective; it is suitable for those involved in the design or funding of DRF instruments and approaches, who want to explore options of how to increase its impact and cost-effectiveness, for example through improved contingency planning.
- SPACE case studies focusing on Somalia, Ghana and the Occupied Palestinian Territories
- The BASIC research released a report focusing on the politics of donor and government approaches to social protection and humanitarian policies for assistance during crises. It explores what the policies of donor governments, aid agencies, and crisis-affected governments reveal about the politics of assistance during crises, and how aid agencies are navigating tensions between humanitarian and development approaches to social assistance.
- UNICEF collaborated with UN Women on a blog which put forward their top 3 recommendations for practice on social protection and gender in 2022. Want the snapshot? Here is twitter thread.
- Social Assistance plays an essential role in crises, whether this assistance is provided by humanitarian actors or social protection systems accountability to the people accessing these services is essential, this BASIC research paper explores accountability and how different actors approach it.
SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian (Cash) Assistance and Social Protection

Online community SP in Crisis Contexts

- The World Bank last week published a new book related to targeting social assistance programmes entitled Revisiting Targeting in Social Assistance: A New Look at Old Dilemmas.
- More from the BASIC research programmes was published last week with Sabates-Wheeler and Szyp exploring the key considerations for targeting social assistance in situations of protracted crises, they note due to the multiplicity of actors involved in the response in crisis contexts, the targeting of social assistance can result in uncoordinated and patchy responses.
- New research has been published which focuses on the age-old debate about the effectiveness of in-cash versus in-kind assistance in humanitarian settings, the World Bank in partnership with the World Food Programme explored this, see their findings here.

Tools and Guidance

- ECHO released its new guidance on cash transfers in humanitarian settings, the document clearly outlines ECHO’s commitment to where possible and appropriate, cash responses link to existing social protection (SP) systems, or become the building blocks of future longer-term assistance from the outset. What are people saying about the new guidance? Here are two useful twitter threads summarising the new approach, one by Isabelle Pelly and the other by Paul Harvey.

Regular and Ongoing Resources and Mappings

- There are a number of regular and ongoing resources, including mappings, related to linking humanitarian cash and social protection which can be found: here.
- You can also join the social protection in crisis discussion group which is hosted by socialprotection.org here: discussion group (joining instructions are here). As of 1st April, it’s comprised of 170 members from across the world.

Looking Ahead – Webinars/Events

- The next Social Protection Hangout will take place on Wednesday 6 April at 1 pm UTC (9 am New York, 2 pm London, 3 pm Brussels). The theme this week will be on the refugee crisis as a result of the Ukraine crisis. For further information please visit their page. The hangout occurs every two weeks.
- The next SPIAC-B meeting will be held on the 28th April at 9am EST

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Please email kodonnell@unicef.org for feedback/amendments/contributions. You can also join the CaLP d groups, and/or the SP.org Online Community for Social Protection in Crisis Contexts (joining instructions below) where many of these discussions are taking place.

HOW TO JOIN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY ON ‘SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CRISIS CONTEXTS’
1. Become a member of socialprotection.org: https://goo.gl/VYCaT
2. Join the online community on ‘Social protection in crisis contexts’: https://goo.gl/aRzVqb

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