Recent Webinars and Events

- SPIAC-B Working Group on linking humanitarian (cash) assistance and social protection alongside the Online Community organised a webinar focusing on how the Polish authorities have organised social protection supports for Ukrainian refugees who have moved to Poland. Here is the link to the recording and presentation.

- Kenya Community of Practice in Social Protection, alongside other stakeholders organised a webinar entitled 'Recovering from the COVID-19 effects: Lessons learnt and opportunities for linking Social Protection Systems to Adverse Shocks'. The discussion focused on shock responsive social protection. Swedish International Development Agency, SIDA. Further details can be found here.

- The Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) Development Talks series focused in April on social protection and resilience through the life-cycle.

Publications and Research

- New Humanitarian Evidence and Discourse Summary out now and is available here. It is intended to summarise the latest relevant evidence and discourse on humanitarian action.

- New research from BASIC focusing on cash and livelihoods in contexts of conflict and fragility: implications for social assistance programming.

- “Multiple shocks have put Least Developed Countries under enormous pressure,” said ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder. A New ILO Report provides an overview of the progress and the structural challenges faced by LDCs in terms of structural transformation, a just transition to greener economies and the creation of full and productive employment and decent work.

- World Bank report on 'Implementing scalable safety nets: lessons from Malawi’s COVID-19 urban cash transfer intervention', see here a blog outlining the main findings including the importance of building broad partnerships, particularly with the humanitarian sector, that can crowd-in useful shock-response experience.
Looking Ahead - Upcoming Events

- Annual Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week: There will be a large number of events both online and in person between the 2nd - 20th May, please find the detailed programme.
- Of particular interest are:
  - CALP will hold a webinar on the 17th May asking the question: Where are we now? Linking humanitarian cash and national social protection - responses to COVID-19. Find details on how to register here.
  - A webinar focusing on cash coordination and locally-led response will take place on the 19th May, details and registration can be found here.
- The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will start on the 24th May and the programme can be found here.

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1. Become a member of socialprotection.org: https://goo.gl/VYCajT
2. Join the online community on ‘Social protection in crisis contexts’: https://goo.gl/aRzVqb

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