Social Protection (SP) and Humanitarian Cash Transfers (HCT)
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Highlights from 24 May – 5 June 2021

Recent webinars and remote events:

- The Cash Hub’s Webinar 21 focused on working with financial service providers (FSPs), sharing experiences, challenges and learning from contracting and working with FSPs. The ICRC shared its experience on this topic from Nigeria and Ethiopia, and some key points from the ICRC’s global approach to FSPs. The Sierra Leone Red Cross shared experience on a recent FSP procurement. Please find here the: Link to the webinar recording and to the slides.
- You can find the slides and recording of the recent webinar on Building back better: How can Adaptive Social Protection ensure better preparedness for future shocks? here. The webinar started off with a presentation on the ASP Building Blocks analytical framework developed by the World Bank, and featured diverse voices from practitioners in civil society, academia, international community, and state to comment on the conceptual ASP approach by sharing their concrete experiences in its operationalization.
- You can find the recording of the RED LAC / Cash Working Group - R4V regional learning event on "Linking cash transfers with social protection systems" here.

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

- A recent report on "Forecast based financing – lessons learned on early actions with cash transfers" present the lessons learned related to the implementation of early actions with cash transfers as part of the forecast-based financing mechanism implemented by the World Food Programme in the Yaque del Norte watershed in the Dominican Republic. The report is also available in Spanish.
- The Gender and Cash Sub-Workstream has identified three case studies that illustrate how Cash Transfer Working Groups, GBV Sub-Working Groups, Gender Focal Points (e.g. working groups on gender in humanitarian action at national and regional level) and humanitarian partnerships can facilitate meaningful and broader engagement on gender equality and the response to GBV in cash transfers. You can find the studies here.
- The World Bank’s recent approach paper - A Development Approach to Conflict-Induced Internal Displacement - provides the rationale for further integration of conflict-induced internally displaced persons (IDPs) into World Bank Group (WBG) programming based on its commitment to vulnerable and marginalized populations. It highlights the conflict sensitive engagement required to address the needs of these populations.
- Lessons from Vanuatu— half a year of delivering relief aid on blockchain looks back at the Oxfam-led response to Covid-19 and Tropical Cyclone Harold and the provision of at-scale digital cash transfers.
- Digital Identity: An Analysis for the Humanitarian Sector looks at opportunities and risks of technology and how to make it impactful for humanitarians especially in providing cash assistance, where an official ID is typically required. This analysis by the IFRC, Oxford Centre for Technology and Development, and DIGID looks at three case studies (Kenya, Turkey and Nepal) with varying applications of this emerging technology.
- A recent article in Science Direct looks at the cases of Ethiopia and Haiti and asks Aid or exploitation?: Food-for-work, cash-for-work, and the production of “beneficiary-workers” . The article questions the ethics and appropriateness of these forms of programming.
- IOM’s report Assessing the Socio-Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Migrants and Displaced Populations in the MENA Region examines the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on six key pillars, relevant to mobile populations in the region and includes a section on access and availability of social protection schemes and/or humanitarian assistance.
- The "Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement: A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership" programme which is funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) and managed by the World Bank Group in partnership with UNHCR has released a study (and a blog and video) which examines the access displaced Venezuelans have to education, social protection and the labour market in Brazil. They can all be found at the link above.
- The Grand Bargain sub-workstream on Multipurpose Cash (MPC) Outcome Indicators, has shared its Review of the Grand Bargain Multipurpose Cash (MPC) Outcome Indicators: Summary Report of Feedback from the Testing Phase. This report comprises a compilation and analysis of feedback gathered from a broad range of humanitarian stakeholders on the use of MPC OI.
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of the GB MPC Outcome Indicators, which were originally published in July 2019. It may be of interest to practitioners and others involved in implementing, monitoring, and evaluating cash assistance.

News/Media/Op Eds

- BD News reports that Bangladesh expands social protection plan to shake off pandemic effects in an effort to alleviate the plight of lower-income and vulnerable groups which have been hit hardest by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Blogs, podcasts, discussions and videos

- In her recent blog, Yassmin Moor considers how cash and vouchers can improve health outcomes. The blog highlights the objectives of the health sector, the barriers faced, and then how CVA can help overcome particular barriers to support these goals. The blog concludes with some practical advice on avoiding and mitigating these common issues to enable an effective response.

- Following the publication of the World Bank’s recent paper which provides the rationale for further integration of conflict-induced IDPs into World Bank Group programming based on its commitment to vulnerable and marginalized populations, Stefan Emblad, Xavier Devictor, Caroline Bahnson ask How can the World Bank improve its support to people internally displaced by conflict?, highlighting the need for partnerships with, among others, humanitarian actors.

- Isabel Whisson and Max Gollin’s recent blog looks at Why We Need Stronger Social Protection to Forge a New Social Contract drawing from experience from the BRAC Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative in Bangladesh.

- As part of the initiative of the REDLAC Regional Learning Event "Linking cash transfers with social protection systems" the Netherlands Red Cross shared its experience responding in Aruba, Curasao, Sint Maarten. You can watch the video here.

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)

- UNDP and UN Women launched the update of their Covid-19 Global Gender Response Tracker

Looking Ahead – Webinars/Events during the coming weeks: 7 – 20 June 2021

Over the next two weeks you can sign up to attend the following events:

- On Tuesday 8 June you can attend the Eastern Africa Regional CWG Meeting on CVA for Health Outcomes.

- The INCLUDE annual conference is taking place between 8 and 16 June. This year, the conference is centred around the challenges and opportunities presented by COVID-19 on the African continent, linking this with what has been learnt from INCLUDE’s research and dialogue programmes over this past year. The conference, which is called ‘Building forward more inclusively’, will consist of seven thematic sessions, during which the floor will be opened to researchers, experts and policymakers from the Netherlands and Africa to share their experiences and insights.

- The second session of the new ‘African Dialogue on COVID-19 and the Future of Social Protection’ webinar series, focusing on how to address the social protection gaps exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa will be held on Tuesday 8 June and the third on Tuesday 15th. The sessions will be live and translated into English, French, Arabic, and Portuguese.

- On Wednesday 9 June the Cash Hub’s webinar will explain what Fast Track Cash Preparedness entails and how this differs from the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement standard Cash Preparedness. We will hear examples from the Armenian Red Cross and the Belarus Red Cross.

- Also on the 9th the Global Education Cluster Cash Task Team is hosting a webinar to introduce two new resources developed by UNICEF on behalf of the Task Team: Response Analysis Tool; Effective decision making on the use of Cash and Voucher Assistance for education outcomes in emergencies and Cash and voucher assistance targeting for education outcomes; How to select beneficiaries to advance equity and maximize results.

- On Thursday 17 June, the Grand Bargain Sub-Group on Linking Humanitarian Cash and Social Protection is holding a webinar to provide the opportunity to hear from one of the world’s leading humanitarian donors – DG ECHO – and partners in relation to implementing DG ECHO’s vision for linking humanitarian cash and social protection in two different contexts – Somalia and Jordan.

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Please email gbsubgroupspshct@gmail.com and/or Cecile Cherrier 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/VYCajT
2. Join the online community on ‘Social protection in crisis contexts’ : https://goo.gl/aRzVqb

Your feedback is important; it allows us to iteratively tailor the newsletter to your needs and to make decisions on what KML products are needed/useful.

*This newsletter is an initiative of the Grand Bargain Cash Sub-Group on linking Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash Transfers which is an inclusive space consisting of humanitarian and development actors from a wide range of agencies. It is co-led by IFRC, UNICEF and FCDO and the Online Community for Social Protection in Crisis Contexts which is an unbranded, member-based online space on the socialprotection.org platform.*