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Social Protection (SP) and Humanitarian Cash Transfers (HCT)
Update #57 (25 October – 6 November 2021)

Highlights from 10 – 23 October 2021

Recent webinars and remote events:

• Resources from the recent webinar organised by GIZ, World Bank Group, SPACE and the IPC-IG on adaptive social protection can be found here: presentation slides, recording and summary.
• The recent Global Cash Working Group meeting saw a wide-ranging discussion with speakers from CWGs in CAR and Uganda, WFP, GSMA and the Grand Bargain Eminent Person’s office. You can find the meeting Powerpoint in the CaLP library here.
• MarketLinks’ recent webinar on Engaging the Private Sector in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Environments provided the opportunity to hear from practitioners engaging in the Haiti and Eastern DRC contexts and the different interventions they apply in conflict and crisis-affected environments. Speakers discussed the challenges they have encountered — including with infrastructure and technology, as well as balancing speed with sustainability — and the adjustments they have made engaging the private sector, particularly as part of humanitarian response and recovery.

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

Publications and Research

• The Cash and Livelihoods Consortium for Iraq (CLCI) has recently launched its own website www.clciraq.org. The website contains up to date information on who they are, how they work and what they do as well as hosting all of the CLCI’s past research materials, programme guidance and other information in one central location. The website also offers a space for anyone to sign up to receive future updates directly.
• Recently produced by Feed the Future Market Systems and Partnerships, Global Knowledge Initiative, DAI Global this Primer on Private Sector Engagement for Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations identifies the risks and benefits inherent in engaging the private sector in fragile and conflict-affected situations and addresses special considerations and unique approaches to facilitate successful collaboration.
• The Grand Bargain Eminent Person’s office recently developed a Cash Coordination Caucus – Proposed Strategy which delineates the objectives, composition and engagement structure of the cash coordination caucus in the Grand Bargain 2.0 process.
• The World Bank’s working paper on Differences in Household Composition: Hidden Dimensions of Poverty and Displacement in Somalia finds that when poverty rates are very high, there are important differences between poverty risk according to gender and displacement status. The analysis highlights the importance of poverty reduction policies and programmes for all households, especially those with children. The Government of Somalia’s new policy framework on social protection (which post-dates the data in the working paper) appears to respond to this need. It aims to create a formal safety net delivery system that provides predictable, reliable, and scalable assistance to households facing chronic food insecurity, complementing systems of humanitarian assistance that provide emergency relief to prevent famine and save lives.

Tools and guidance

• The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action’s Toolkit for Engaging Adolescents in Child Protection and CVA Monitoring and Evaluation – Tool 2 Activity for Mapping CVA Risks and Protective Factors with Adolescents describes an activity for mapping cash and voucher assistance associated risks and protective factors with adolescents. It must be used along with the other tools in the “Toolkit for Engaging Adolescents in Child Protection and Cash and Voucher Assistance Monitoring and Evaluation”.

Media, news articles, newsletters and Op Eds

• At the first ever intersessional panel discussion on the right to social security, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet has stated “Gaps in coverage of social protection systems, and inadequate social protection benefits, contributed to the inequalities that accelerated and deepened the impacts of COVID-19”, emphasising that this type of protection is “a fundamental human right”, but it is also “indispensable for the exercise of many other rights and necessary for a life in dignity.”
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**Blogs, podcasts, discussions and videos**
- Writing for Marketlinks Holly Lard Krueger shares a recent discussion with Maha Hayek from the SEEP Network which focused on **market systems development implementation in fragile and conflict-affected contexts**
- Save the Children’s video on **Virtual Cash Assistance Programming in Peru** illustrates how Save the Children Peru has adapted its cash assistance programme during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides examples of how to perform some activities remotely or virtually.

**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 two weeks: 6 - 30 November 2021**

Over the course of November you can sign up to attend the following events:

- **On Monday 8 November** from 18.15 – 19.15 UK time, FCDO is hosting a COP26 Event which aims to generate momentum on the importance of gender responsive social protection to build resilience and respond to the climate-related disasters. You can find the link to join the event live in the table below.
- **On Tuesday 9 November** the Markets in Crises Community of Practice (MiC) and the Global Food Security Cluster (gFSC) Cash and Market Working Group are co-hosting a real-time learning discussion to showcase case studies and encourage problem solving around the complex issue of liquidity challenges for markets in crisis. With insights from the Afghanistan, Syria and Zimbabwe contexts on ways to address liquidity challenges as well as donor perspectives, we aim to reflect, learn and find solutions together.
- **On Thursday 11 November** FAO and IPC-IG’s webinar will provide an overview of the best practices of the social protection responses to COVID-19 in the rural areas of the LAC region, aiming to disseminate the lessons learned from their experiences, as well as engaging other stakeholders to discuss rural social protection in the region.
- **On Tuesday 16 November** socialprotection.org is hosting an event as a follow-up to its ‘e-Vent’ at which all those working in the social protection field or in other related sectors were invited to informally and anonymously vent (via a forum) about the shortcomings and opportunities in their work during COVID-19 and reflect on how these situations help or hinder improvements in social protection. This is the closing session to this online event: *The big SP e-Vent: You spoke up, we listened – but what should we do next?* which will provide for a moment of reflection and dialogue between the different actors working with social protection.
- **On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November** the Digital Frontiers Institute is holding its “Pathway to 17 Summit” which focuses on developing capacity to support the achievement of the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The summit will address four key thematic areas of inclusive digital finance, inclusive digital economies, inclusive financial supervision and regulation, and gender equity.
- The quarterly call of the ‘CVA, Environment and Climate change Community of Practice’, lead by CaLP and its network will be held on **Monday 29 November**. This session’s discussion will cover both on-going initiatives within the CVA, environment and climate change space, as well as the working plan for next year according to the group-specific interests.

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Contractions

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Please email gbsubgroupspht@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.
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