## Social Protection (SP) and Humanitarian Cash Transfers (HCT)
### Update #60 (5 – 18 December 2021)

**Highlights from 5 – 18 December 2021**

### Recent webinars and remote events:
- The slides and recording of FAO’s webinar on **COVID-19 and social protection in rural areas: lessons to build back better** are available at the link. This webinar provided an overview of the best practices of the social protection responses to COVID-19 in the rural areas of the LAC region, aiming at disseminating the lessons learned from their experiences.
- Two recent webinars hosted by the ICRC’s Digitarium looked at **Navigating identities in a digital space** and **Digital identities: Protecting people’s data**. The webinars saw experts from civil society and the fields of humanitarian work and policy discuss how digital identities can be used in humanitarian operations, focusing on how this type of digital service is used, what issues and risks it might create, and when it may or may not be appropriate for humanitarian organizations to use it.

For recordings of other recent webinars which are not yet available, please check the following websites:
- [Webinars | socialprotection.org](https://www.socialprotection.org/events/webinars)
- [Cash Hub (cash-hub.org)](https://www.cash-hub.org)

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

#### Publications and Research
- ILO’s [Regional Social Protection Strategy for Africa](https://www.ilo.org/violenceandprotection/lang--en/index.htm) highlights, among other things, the ambition to support national stakeholders’ efforts to build and/or strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus that is crucial to the introduction of sustainable social protection systems.
- The Humanitarian Advisory Group’s paper on the coordination of CVA - [Cash at a Crossroads: Getting It Right for Affected Communities](https://www.alnap.org/publication/cash-crossroads-getting-right-affected-communities) – includes consideration of the short and long term elements that need to be taken into account, including ways for CVA to work together with social protection systems.
- Lesson 34 of ALNAP’s lessons paper: [Adapting humanitarian action to the effects of climate change](https://www.alnap.org/publication/lesson-34) states that “Partnership between humanitarian actors and government can support social protection to vulnerable groups in the event of extremely high temperatures or heatwaves.” The paper goes on to say that “extending social protection to those most vulnerable to the effects of extreme hot temperatures will require partnership between humanitarian actors (who are able to identify those most at risk), insurance companies (who operationalise social protection mechanisms) and governments (who support and meet the costs of expanded measures)”.
- The Cash Consortium and Livelihoods Consortium for Iraq (CLCI) has shared the [Iraq MPCA Vulnerability Model Review 2021: Technical Report](https://www.alnap.org/publication/iraq-mpca-vulnerability-model-review-2021). The vulnerability model used to target households for multi-purpose cash assistance in Iraq uses consumption as the indicator for socio-economic vulnerability and a proxy-means test method. The latest revision to the vulnerability model was led by the CLCI, REACH Initiative and the CWG. The new MPCA targeting model will be rolled out in January 2022 under the new Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).
- Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, in conjunction with Cash Working Groups worldwide, REACH has been collecting market data through its Joint Market Monitoring Initiatives (JMMIs) to produce a [Cross-crisis analysis of price trends and market functionality](https://www.alnap.org/publication/cross-crisis-analysis-price-trends-functionality). The factsheet aims to use historical JMIMI data to quantify some of the major changes observed in markets in humanitarian contexts between January 2020 and August 2021.
- REAP’s recent publication - [Linking Social Protection and Early Action- a game changer for people centred climate action?](https://www.alnap.org/publication/linking-social-protection-early-action) – highlights that in the changing risk landscape, exacerbated by climate change and COVID-19, poverty targets are not being reached and the window for opportunity for action is being narrowed. The paper considers how an integrated approach to early action and social protection can present a game-changer in how the risks faced by climate vulnerable populations are addressed.

### Tools and Guidance
- CALP has launched a [toolbox](https://www.alnap.org/publication/tools-and-guidance) which curates together a large selection of materials, sourced from a variety of organizations and contexts, all linking humanitarian CVA to social protection. The toolbox brings together a key set of 150+ practical resources, guidance and templates all in one place. This toolbox aims to make it much easier to find information on key operational topics, related to linking humanitarian cash assistance and social protection.
• You can find here the [SMEB and MPCA Transfer Value for Iraq 2022](#).

### 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](#).
- Ugo Gentilini’s weekly newsletter [here](#).

### Looking Ahead – Webinars/Events

**For webinars and events in 2022 please check the following websites:**
- [Cash Hub (cash-hub.org)](#)
- [Webinars | socialprotection.org](#)
- [DigitHarium Events | ICRC](#)

### Contributions

- With thanks to all those who have contributed to the newsletter throughout the course of 2021.

Please email [gbsubgroupsphct@gmail.com](mailto:gbsubgroupsphct@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.*