

NEWSLETTER

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Publications

- **WFP | Report | June 2023 | WFP Cash Policy: Harnessing the Power of Money to Help People Survive and Thrive** applies the evidence about cash transfers to today's immediate and emerging challenges and describes how WFP will use the cash delivery capabilities that it has developed to achieve greater impact for more people while mitigating and preventing potential risks in both development and humanitarian contexts.
- **CALP | Report | May 2023 | Investigating Operational Models for Multi-purpose Cash Delivery and Links to Social Protection: Spotlight on the Middle East and North Africa** looks at six case studies in the MENA region where CVA is being delivered at scale, analysing the characteristics of the operational models of delivering multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), and how those enable (or not) links with existing national social protection systems.
- **IDS | Working Paper | May 2023 | Ensuring an Effective Social Protection Response in Conflict-Affected Settings: Findings from the Horn of Africa** suggests a number of ways in which development partners could use their resources and leverage to strengthen the conflict sensitivity of social protection at both a strategic and operational level (based on three case studies: Kenya, Somalia and Sudan).
- **Norcap | Report | May 2023 | Cash Working Group deactivation in Iraq** describes the deactivation of the CWG, including details of key actions taken and challenges and lessons learned. It is intended to document its complexity and serve as a reference point for humanitarian practitioners who might be involved in similar exercises.
- **HPG and ODI | Working Paper | Jun 2023 | The Grand Bargain in 2022: an independent review** analyses progress achieved and challenges faced across: quality funding, localisation, participation, transparency, coordination, needs assessments, engagement between humanitarian and development actors etc.
- **World Bank et al. | Report | Jun 2023 | Digital-First Approach to Emergency Cash Transfers: Step-Kin in the Democratic Republic of Congo** looks in depth at DRC's approach to delivering emergency cash transfers: the Solidarity through Economic Transfers Against the Poverty in Kinshasa (STEP-KIN) program.
- **World Bank | Announcement | Jun 2023 | Comprehensive Toolkit to Support Countries After Natural Disasters** calling for: (1) pausing debt repayments; (2) redirecting financing; (3) linking crisis preparedness and financing; (4) backstopping development projects with private sector support, and (5) building enhanced catastrophe insurance without debt.
- **WFP & UNICEF | Report | Jun 2023 | All the right tracks. Delivering shock responsive social protection: lessons from the COVID-19 response** outlines and analyses a "twin-track approach" to deliver shock-responsive social protection in the Sahel (Mali, Mauritania, and Niger) in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.
- **WFP | Report | Jun 2023 | Linking disaster risk financing with social protection: an overview of concepts and considerations** examines the intersections between DRF, as a system of budgetary and financial mechanisms arranged in advance to credibly pay for a specific risk, and social protection.
- **BASIC | Working Paper | May 2023 | Cash-Plus Programming in Protracted Crises: A Review of Programmes in Contexts of Overlapping Conflict, Forced Displacement and Climate-Related Shocks** explores the nature and effectiveness of cash-plus programmes, based on 97 programmes in 16 countries, considering their design features and outcomes.
- **UNICEF | Report | May 2023 | Shock-Responsive Social Protection - Compendium of Case Studies for G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group** presents a selection of case studies from India and other countries showing how SRSP approaches have been used in response to disasters and shocks.
- **Bristol University Press | Book | Apr 2023 | Children's Work in African Agriculture - The Harmful and the Harmless** through conceptual and case-based chapters reframes the debate about children's work and harm in rural Africa with the aim of shifting research, public discourse and policy so that they better serve the interest of rural children and their families.

Blogs

- **Humanitarian Law & Policy | Blog | Jun 2023 | Supporting social protection: five considerations for a principled humanitarian approach** reflects on some of the challenges and opportunities that supporting social protection creates for principled humanitarian organizations.
- **SP.org | Blog | Jun 2023 | Adaptive social protection - Uncovering the Unknowns** addresses questions such as: Can adaptive be used interchangeably with shock-responsive or humanitarian social protection? Is ASP predominantly about climate change? What can ASP do that regular social protection fails to deliver?
- **The New Humanitarian | Blog | May 2023 | Six dos and six don'ts for tackling the climate emergency** argues that cash has shown that the humanitarian system can change, and that it gives us a playbook for how to make this happen.

Courses

- **CALP | e-course (self paced) | Linking Humanitarian CVA with Social Protection** aims to promote informed and on-going dialogue between humanitarian and social protection stakeholders on the ways forward for linking humanitarian CVA and social protection in given regional/country contexts (also available in French, Spanish and Arabic).
- **GIZ & SP.org | e-course (self paced) | ASPECTS 4: Institutional Arrangements and Partnerships** is the fourth course of the e-learning series on Adaptive Social Protection.

Events

- **REDLAC & R4V | e-learning events | 6, 12, 20 July 2023 | e- Regional Learning event in LAC: Linking cash and voucher assistance with social protection systems** aims to strengthen the basic understanding of the key concepts of the role of the social protection system when responding to a humanitarian crisis with cash and voucher assistance (3 events).
- **WFP, World Bank, InsuResilience Global Partnership & SP.org | Webinar | 6 July 2023 | Linking disaster risk financing with social protection** continues the debate during the parallel session 'Climate, Disaster Risk Financing and Social Protection: the increasing role of pre-arranged financing for social protection in the Global Shield and beyond' that took place at the Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection on 14 June.
- **SP.org, GIZ, FCDO and STAAR | Webinar recordings and summary | 2 May 2023 | How can social protection respond to the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities of women and girls in crises?** aimed to bring diverse experiences together to discuss how the risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities of women and girls are different or heightened in crisis contexts, and what this means for social protection design and implementation.
- **GIZ & World Bank | Conference proceedings | 13 – 15 June 2023 | Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection** brought together over 300 participants from 60 different countries in Berlin. A mini portal featuring articles on the main sessions, photos, a conference video and all conference presentations will be published shortly.

About

Sources: socialprotection.org, Weekly Social Protection Links by Ugo Gentilini, CALP Updates, STAAR Evidence Digests as well as open web and individual contributions.

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This newsletter is an initiative of the SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian (Cash) Assistance and Social Protection. It 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, with the support of the Online Community for Social Protection in Crisis Contexts which is an unbranded, member-based online space on the socialprotection.org platform.

