

NEWSLETTER

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Publications

- **UNDRR | 2023 | Analysis of barriers in financing and operationalizing linkages between anticipatory action and social protection systems** reviews the feasibility, behavioural and political-economy factors that affect the demand and financing of anticipatory action programmes integrated into government social protection systems.
- **Centre for Humanitarian Leadership | September 2023 | Envisioning an alternative ecosystem for global development and humanitarianism** challenges the terms 'decolonisation' and 'localisation' and their usage in the development and humanitarian discourse by taking a more radical view.
- **IASC | June 2023 | Grand Bargain beyond 2023** outlines the proposed scope, timeline and governance for the future of the Grand Bargain. Focus area 2 includes: scale up anticipatory action, better integration of technology, more flexibility in programming to foresee and respond to future shocks; map, support and scale-up financing mechanisms that enable cross-sector collaboration and innovative financing approaches, that are fit for purpose in protracted crises.
- **Development Initiatives | June 2023 | Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2023** includes sections on: The triple nexus. What is the mix of humanitarian, development and peace funding reaching countries in crisis?, What climate finance is reaching countries in crisis?, How much DRR finance is reaching countries in crisis?
- **IDS | July 2023 | Shock-Responsive Social Protection in the Sahel: Niger, Mauritania, and Senegal** identifies key issues, trends and lessons learnt and highlights emerging themes for support and engagement.
- **USAID and Mercy Corps | August 2023 | Alignment Options for Humanitarian Cash with the Ukrainian Social Protection System** aims to present humanitarian organizations with design options for aligning humanitarian cash programming to the national SP system.
- **REDLAC, R4V and CashCap/NORCAP | July 2023 | Open partner survey for Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in response to a crisis** presents key findings for Latin America and the Caribbean region, focussing: CVA and linkages with social protection, CVA and people on the move, and cash coordination at the regional level.

Blogs

- **CALP | September 2023 | Rethinking vulnerability, fairness, and CVA targeting – what if we let people decide?** argues that engaging more with affected communities on issues such as aid duration, coverage, or transfer value could allow more to be done with a limited pot of funds.
- **World Vision | June 2023 | Saving Lives and Assets: The value of nexus “Cash” approaches to Anticipatory Action and Social Protection during climate-induced crises** summarises key challenges and learnings for effective Anticipatory Action and argues that greater attention needs to be paid to the opportunities presented by leveraging existing cost-efficient and impactful approaches to addressing climate-induced disasters.
- **ILO | August 2023 | Operationalizing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus for social protection in the Occupied Palestinian Territory** summarises the case for a nexus approach in Palestine, the coordination body set up to give structure to nexus conversations as well as the key challenges to better coordination and lessons learnt so far.
- **BASIC | August 2023 | Unpacking the politics of social assistance: Part 2 – Yemen** analyses the current social protection context and actors, arguing that the political economy of social assistance contributes to legitimization or gradual de-legitimation of actors involved.
- **UNICEF, WFP, World Bank & SP.org | August 2023 | Advancing Adaptive Social Protection in the Sahel, an event following the Global ASP Forum** summarises what participants from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal see as key to advance the ASP agenda in the region, namely: 1) Tackling the drivers of food insecurity and responding to acute needs: rethinking lean season assistance, 2) Social protection and forced displacement: strengthening social cohesion, 3) Towards sustainable financing of social protection, including in response to shocks and crises, and 4) Building flexible social registries in the Sahel: a key to operationalising ASP systems.

Events

- **Anticipation Hub | 11th Global Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action | 10 - 12 October** | This year's theme: 'People at the centre: scaling up anticipatory action'.
- **ADB | Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week (APSP) 2023** | 26 – 28 September | [Conference presentations](#), (including parallel sessions on 'Effective SP Responses in Conflict-Affected and Other Fragile Situations' and 'Adaptive and Shock-Responsive SP')
- **SPIAC-B Working Group, UNICEF, UNHCR, ODI & SP.org | Online dialogue on inclusive social protection for displaced children and their families** | 21 September | [Webinar recordings](#) (with participants from Germany, US, Ethiopia, Colombia, UNHCR and ODI)
- **IDS | Conference: Reimagining social protection in a time of global uncertainty** | 12 - 14 September | [Book of abstracts](#) (if you are interested in a particular paper related to the theme 'crisis', please contact j.lind@ids.ac.uk and r.sabates-wheeler@ids.ac.uk).
- **ILO, UNICEF, EU, Oxfam & SP.org | Operationalising the HDP nexus for social protection in the Occupied Palestinian Territory** | 27 July | [Webinar recordings](#)
- **FAO | Shoring up: linking social protection and early warning systems for the fisheries sector** | 22 June | [Webinar recordings](#)
- **GIZ & World Bank | Global Forum on Adaptive Social Protection** | 13 – 15 June | [Summary articles](#) of key sessions and [blog post series](#) on the plenary sessions

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](#)).

Podcasts

- **SP.org | September 2023 | Accountability in Social Protection and Humanitarian Contexts** sheds light on the fundamental elements of accountability, including communication strategies, outreach efforts, grievance redressal mechanisms, and the crucial role of audits. Unique insights into the various ways accountability is perceived and practiced within humanitarian contexts is provided, challenging conventional wisdom.
- **The New Humanitarian | September 2023 | Rethinking Humanitarianism | What is a humanitarian crisis, really?** aims to discuss the colonial weight of the term 'humanitarian crisis' and how the definition of a crisis can mask – or perpetuate – the deeper systemic injustices that lead to crises in the first place.

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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You can also join the CaLP d groups, and/or the SP.org Online Community for Social Protection in Crisis Contexts where many discussions are taking place.

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1. Log in to your socialprotection.org account or register if you are not already a member by clicking [here](#).
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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 and is co-led by IFRC, UNICEF and FCDO.

