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Publications

- **CALP | Report | Apr 2023 | *In Progress: A Review of Forms of Coordination Between Cash Working Groups and Social Protection Systems in the Americas*** provides a mapping of the initiatives and scope of coordination efforts aimed at linking humanitarian CVA with social protection in each country in the Americas that has a CWG or maintains similar coordination spaces.
- **ESCWA | Report | Mar 2023 | *Supporting the humanitarian-development-peace nexus in conflict and fragile settings*** discusses the opportunities offered and challenges faced when putting the principles of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, including in social protection, into practice in fragile and conflict affected Arab countries and outlines a roadmap for building the institutional capacities of governments.
- **World Bank | Report | Mar 2023 | *Responsive by Design: Building Adaptive Social Protection Systems in South Asia*** details the international best practices on developing adaptive social protection systems and discusses how these can be applied to South Asia using the new stress-test methodology.
- **Climate Risk Management | Journal Article | Mar 2023 | *Can social protection tackle emerging risks from climate change, and how? A framework and a critical review*** discusses the potential of social protection as a policy response to climate change. It explores the implications of climate change risks for social protection and reviews what social protection could do and what it currently does to manage risks arising from climate change.
- **GIZ | Working Paper | Mar 2023 | *Joint reviews for Adaptive Social Protection Systems*** intends to orient social protection practitioners on how to approach, structure and facilitate a joint review that involves different sector ministries in order to strengthen a social protection system's shock-responsiveness and adaptiveness.
- **UNICEF | Report | March 2023 | *Responses to disasters and crises through subnational social protection systems*** presents key findings, lessons, and recommendations on how governments in Europe and Central Asia have responded to disasters and crises through subnational social protection systems, covering case studies from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Tajikistan and Ukraine.
- **World Bank | Report | Mar 2023 | *Technical Analysis to Inform the Trigger Design for Adaptive Safety Nets in Malawi 2023*** summarizes the technical work that was conducted to build the government's capacity to design a trigger mechanism to scale up the Government's flagship cash transfer programme to additional beneficiaries in the event of climate shocks, specifically droughts.
- **IDB | Report | Feb 2023 | *Shock-responsive social protection and climate shocks in Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons from COVID-19*** investigates how non-contributory social protection (mainly income support) has been used to respond to previous climate-related shocks and to COVID-19, and what are the implications for managing climate-related shocks in the future.
- **IDS | BASIC Research Working Paper | Dec 2022 | *Financing in Fragile and Conflict Contexts: Evidence, Opportunities, and Barriers*** provides a summary of the main trends and issues regarding both regular and risk financing in FCAS. It considers the main lessons observed in financing social assistance in FCAS and identifies useful examples emerging from countries developing risk-informed programmes for the most vulnerable.
- **IDS | BASIC Research Working Paper | Oct 2022 | *What is Known About Capacity and Coordination of Social Assistance Programmes in Crisis Situations?*** reviews the literature and documented evidence on capacity and coordination issues in crisis situations, where social protection and humanitarian assistance intersect, finding that although both terms are mentioned frequently, they are rarely defined or robustly and systematically assessed.
- **UNFPA, CWG, NORCAP, GBV Sub-Cluster Iraq | Report | Sep 2022 | *Transitioning out of Humanitarian Cash Assistance in Iraq: Critical Actions to Ensure Gender-based Violence Risks are Mitigated and Prevented throughout the Transition*** presents the recommendations that were formulated as a result of a workshop in June, highlighting critical actions to work toward mitigating GBV risks during the transition to greater Government assistance in place of current humanitarian Cash assistance.

Blogs

- **HPN | Blog | Mar 2023 | [Humanitarian action is the answer to fewer and fewer of today's humanitarian crises](#)** argues that the comparative advantage of humanitarian assistance to address many of the world's humanitarian crises is diminishing and calls, amongst others, for radical changes in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach.
- **BASIC | Blog | Mar 2023 | [Four ways to rethink 'resilience' and its links to social protection](#)** highlights four areas that deserve more attention in linking resilience to social protection.
- **SP.org and WFP | Blog Post | Feb 2023 | [The state of the social protection system in Ukraine as it reaches the one-year mark of the conflict](#)** summarizes the existing social protection system in Ukraine, how it responded to the 2022 war, WFP's engagement, and some of the key challenges as well as ways forward.
- **SP.org and WFP | Blog Post | Feb 2023 | [Ukraine: Towards a more effective humanitarian response](#)** reflects on what could have been done more effectively and how humanitarian actors enabled (or not) locally-led response and social protection linkages and what can be learnt for other ongoing and future crises.

Courses

- **IDS | Specialist short course | 26 - 30 June 2023 | [Protracted Crisis and the Triple Nexus](#)** offers a unique opportunity for policymakers and practitioners to come together with other professionals working in protracted crisis around the world, to develop the policies, approaches and skills for more effective aid.

Multi-media

- **FAO | Video | Jan 2023 | [Addressing food crises through social protection](#)** - To face the challenges of increasing hunger in highly complex development and humanitarian contexts, FAO has been working with the European Union and WFP and together launched the Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC) at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit to tackle the causes of food crises and promote sustainable solutions.
- **UNICEF | Video | Mar 2023 | [Before Disaster Strikes](#)** - As part of the Joint Programme "Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina", this video summarises how 10 social work centers in BiH prepared and adopted Risk and Vulnerability Assessments for emergency situations and Action Plans based on a methodology developed in cooperation with local actors.

Events

- **SP.org, GIZ, FCDO and STAAR | Webinar | 2 May 2023 | [How can social protection respond to the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities of women and girls in crises?](#)**
- **SP.org, DFAT, FCDO, UNICEF and STAAR | Webinar recordings | 20 April 2023 | [Linking social protection and cash and voucher assistance \(CVA\) to mitigate and respond to GBV in humanitarian and displacement contexts](#)**
- **Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Weeks 2023 | 17 - 18 April | [Event Outcomes, including recordings](#)**
- **European Humanitarian Forum 2023 | 20 - 23 March | [Event Outcomes, including recordings](#)**

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Please email cbilo@unicef.org 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 where many discussions are taking place.

HOW TO JOIN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY ON 'SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CRISIS CONTEXTS'

1. Log in to your socialprotection.org account or register if you are not already a member by clicking [here](#).
2. Join the online community on 'Social protection in crisis contexts' by clicking [here](#).

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.

