USEFUL COVID-19 AND SOCIAL PROTECTION MATERIALS  
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1 PUBLISHED SPACE DOCUMENTS

1.1 Framing documents

- **SPACE Strategy Decision Matrix**: Structured to make sure relevant COVID responses are all evaluated consistently against a set of critical dimensions, including: Coverage, Adequacy, Comprehensiveness, Timeliness, Cost-effectiveness, Accountability to affected population, Predictability, and Ownership and sustainability. This document will help you systematically think through the merits of various options; the challenges and risks inherent in each; and potential mitigation strategies for these.
- **SPACE Delivery System Matrix**: Structured to assess the relevant dimensions of the social protection delivery chain, questioning the strength of existing systems (capacity, registration, payments, etc) and whether/how these can be leveraged, adapted or complemented for the COVID-19 response.
- **Guidance for framing Case Studies on social protection responses to COVID-19**: Offering guidance on how to ensure that forthcoming Case Studies on COVID-19 responses are documented systematically, enabling comparability and learning. It suggests a structure of the key areas and dimensions to consider, and detailed questions to answer under each heading.

1.2 Thematic overview documents

- **Understanding the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Who, Where, How, and When?**: Providing a disaggregated and livelihoods-informed view of the COVID-19 impact (who is being most affected and where), to inform the ‘what’ of the social protection response.
- **SPACE Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) in social protection responses during COVID-19**: Providing key considerations and examples of how GESI can be integrated
into COVID-19 response options/strategies, in an effort to increase wellbeing and dignity, while minimising potential negative effects on vulnerable populations.

- **SPACE Informal workers and social protection in the COVID-19 response** Outlining the options for providing social protection to informal workers, with a particular focus on the implications for COVID-19 response and urban settings.
- **Social protection for older people during COVID-19 and beyond:** Co–written with HelpAge International and providing information and guidance on social protection and older people, with a focus on pensions to cushion the economic impacts of COVID-19.
- **Value for Money of social protection and humanitarian cash transfers in the context of COVID-19:** The COVID-19 context raises some particular issues from a VfM perspective. This short note addresses these issues and is aimed at economists, social protection and humanitarian specialists within development partner organisations, as well as policy–makers in government – anyone tasked with designing social protection responses and assessing different options, whether in concept notes, business cases, or budget submissions.
- **Social Protection in the COVID-19 Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges:** This paper explores what role social protection can and should play over the medium term, as governments seek to steer their economies through recession and into a recovery. It outlines the opportunities, challenges and potential trade–offs which social protection actors will face over the medium term.

### 1.3 Implementation–support documents

- **Options for rapid expansion of social assistance caseloads for COVID-19 responses (registration and enrolment):** Discussing the main strategies for rapid expansion of social assistance caseloads in response to COVID-19, via new or existing programmes – building on existing data, systems and capacity where possible. Providing practical insights on the opportunities, challenges and pre–requisites offered by different approaches.
- **Options for rapid delivery (payment) of cash transfers for COVID-19 responses and beyond:** Discussing the main strategies used by, and available to, countries to deliver cash support in response to the COVID–19 pandemic. Providing practical insights on the opportunities, challenges and pre–requisites offered by different approaches.
- **Strengthening gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) during the implementation of social protection responses to COVID-19:** Providing guidance on how to ensure that the delivery of programmes (especially cash transfers) are gender–sensitive, equitable, inclusive, and where possible, transformative.
- **Embedding Localisation in the Response to COVID-19:** Describing key considerations for integrating local actors into the COVID–19 social protection and/or humanitarian cash response. Local actors are defined as national and sub–national entities and can include civil society organisations (CSOs), government, private sector actors, and communities themselves.
- **Identifying practical options for linking humanitarian assistance and social protection in the COVID–19 response:** Examining the relationship between humanitarian assistance and social protection in response to COVID–19 and providing guidance to humanitarian practitioners on how to practically link their responses to social protection (SP) systems and programmes, as well as key emergency response considerations for social protection practitioners.
• **Linking humanitarian and social protection information systems in the COVID-19 response and beyond.** Providing considerations for humanitarian actors to consider when making decisions regarding the use of their Information Systems in COVID-19 responses, and beyond. It focuses in particular on contexts of transition from humanitarian to longer-term, state-led social protection systems.

• **Preparing for future shocks: priority actions for social protection practitioners in the wake of COVID-19:** Helping to think through potential options/strategies to holistically strengthen the preparedness of social protection systems to respond to future shocks.

• **Programming Options: ‘Cash Plus’ Approaches in the Response to COVID-19:** Providing an overview of the options for linking cash transfers to complementary services in the context of COVID-19, drawing out lessons learned from existing evidence and knowledge of good practices to highlight how cash plus can be effectively designed and implemented in crisis response.

## 2 COVID-19 IMPACTS

### 2.1 Overall projections

- **SPACE** _Understanding the Economic Impacts of COVID-19_ document
- **World Bank** - “Costs and Trade-Offs in the Fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Developing Country Perspective” with clear overview of projected impacts; June 08 WB _updated estimates_ of the impact of COVID-19 on global poverty; Profiles of the new poor due to the COVID-19 pandemic Policy Brief [here](#)
- **ILO**
  - predictions on job loss etc [here](#)
  - and COVID-19 and the world of work [publication](#)
- **IFPRI** - Impacts on food supply chains [here](#) and policy portal [here](#)
- **WFP** COVID-19: Potential impact on the world’s poorest people [here](#)
- **Lustig et al (2020)** Research paper ‘the impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns and expanded social assistance on inequality, poverty and mobility [here](#)
- **IDS** Social impacts and responses related to COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries [here](#)

### 2.2 Regional/country

- **Asian Development Bank.** An Updated Assessment of the Economic Impact of COVID-19 [here](#)
- **UNDP** country-specific Socio Economic Impact reports [here](#)

### 2.3 Research/data

- **IPA** and partners research collaboration hub for development researchers working on COVID-19 [here](#), with initial [results and analysis](#)
3 SOCIAL PROTECTION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 MATERIALS

3.1 General/framing

- SPIAC-B Joint Statement on the Role of Social Protection in Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic [here], useful framing and resources on last page
- Framing Sp.org Webinar for the COVID-19 webinar series from SP.org (on potential response options to COVID-19 via social protection) [here]

3.2 Tracking responses

- The tracker of all COVID-19 trackers, including Social Protection-related ones
- Gentilini et al., weekly update of social protection COVID-19 responses. Most recent edition July 10th v12 [here] and overall Excel now publicly shared
- ILO Social protection responses to the COVID-19 crisis around the world - Updated on 15 July 2020
- IMF policy tracker [here]
- Regional
  - Asia-Pacific responses, (ILO) [here] and more up to date (August 2020) [here]
  - LAC responses (UNICEF/Spanish) [here] (v3) and WFP (Spanish) [here]
  - Southern and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (UNICEF) [here]
  - MENA region [here]

3.3 Vision/recommendations/call to action

- UN call to action 'Shared responsibility, global solidarity: Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19' [here]
- UNICEF A rapid review of economic policy and social protection responses to health and economic crises and their effects on children: Lessons for the COVID-19 pandemic response
OECD Supporting people and companies to deal with the COVID-19 virus: Options for an immediate employment and social-policy response [here]; Supporting livelihoods during the COVID-19 crisis: Closing the gaps in safety nets [here]

EU Council - Council Conclusions on Strengthening Minimum Income Protection to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

UNDP advocating for a 'Temporary Basic Income' for responding to COVID19 [here]

ECLAC also advocating for Basic Income [here]

Examples of ‘Big Thinkers’ endorsing no-regrets and universal SP in the COVID response: Dercon no-regrets SP; Duflo and Banerjee [here]; Ravallion [here] (“Anything less than an immediate fiscal transfer of something like 2% of GDP would probably be judged inadequate”); Acemoglu [here] (“Welfare state 3.0” could lead to a brighter horizon: A stronger social safety net (…)).

Longer term focus:
- SPACE Social Protection in the COVID-19 Recovery: Opportunities and Challenges
- Roelen et al Social Protection and Building Back Better
- Development Pathways What has the Covid-19 crisis taught us about social protection? [here]

Box 1: BEYOND COVID-19: USEFUL RESOURCES ON SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION

- TRANSFORM (2020) Shock responsive social protection curriculum
- World Bank (2020) Adaptive SP: Building Resilience to Shocks

3.4 Linkages with humanitarian and coordination

3.4.1 Call to action/vision
- Call to deliver on commitment to link humanitarian cash and social protection where appropriate for an effective cash response to the COVID-19 pandemic by the Grand-Bargain (GB) Sub-group on Linking Humanitarian Cash and Social Protection
- UN/INGO Increasing Links Between Humanitarian Cash and Social Protection for an Effective Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic [here]
- State of the World’s Cash report by CALP, including a Chapter on CVA & Social Protection
- UN – UN Common Cash Statement (UNCCS) – Questions & Answers

3.4.2 Resources/guidance
- SPACE Identifying practical options for linking humanitarian assistance and social protection in the COVID-19 response
- SPACE Preparing for future shocks: priority actions for social protection practitioners in the wake of COVID-19 [here]
• SPACE Value for Money of social protection and humanitarian cash transfers in the context of COVID-19 [here](#)
• GB Subgroup weekly [newsletter](#) full of info
• CALP
  o Readiness checklists for Cash Working Groups in light of COVID-19 (includes working with social protection systems).
  o Cash Coordination Tip Sheet [here](#)
  o Living document on COVID
  o Tipsheet For Cash Working Groups (CWG) And Inter-Cluster Coordination Groups (ICCG) on Supporting the Linkages Between Humanitarian Cash And Voucher Assistance and National Social Protection Systems
• SPAN Training course on Social Protection across the Humanitarian-Development Nexus
• Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2020 (total levels of international humanitarian assistance dropped in 2019, for the first time in seven years, yet humanitarian needs are higher than ever, with UN appeals calling for 25% more funding by June 2020 than by same time last year)

3.4.3 Webinars
• Linking Cash and Voucher Assistance and Social Protection: Demystifying the entry points for humanitarians
• Linking Cash and Voucher Assistance and Social Protection in forced displacement contexts
• Building Blocks: entry points for humanitarians when linking cash and voucher assistance in nascent Social Protection systems
• The role of (I)NGOs in linking humanitarian cash and social protection in conflict settings
• Lessons learned and Opportunities: Linking social protection systems to humanitarian cash in a pandemic
• Linking Social Protection and humanitarian cash and voucher assistance (CVA) – what do we really know and where to start? Findings from the CaLP commissioned high level briefing paper at the time of COVID-19
• (Missed) Opportunities? COVID-19 as an accelerator or blocker in inclusion of forcibly displaced in linking Social Protection and humanitarian cash transfers
• Unbundling the delivery chain: practical examples of linkages between humanitarian cash transfers and social protection from across the globe
• The role of local and national actors in linking humanitarian cash and social protection in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
• In conversation: linking humanitarian cash and social protection in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: successes and challenges in ensuring inclusive responses

3.5 Informal workers

3.5.1 Briefs/research/guidance
• SPACE Background Doc on informal workers and SP during COVID-19
• DFID Work Opportunities for Women. Implications of Covid-19 for Women Informal Workers [here](#).
• ILO
  o Brief: COVID-19 crisis and the informal economy [here](#)
3.5.2 Webinars/podcasts

- CGDEV – Cash Transfers for COVID-19 in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
- IDS informal roundtable on COVID-19 and informal workers
- Sp.org webinar on informal sector COVID-19 impacts here
- WIEGO
  - podcast informal workers and SP here
  - “Workers Voices” webinars here
- ILO social protection response to Covid-19 in Eastern Europe and Central Asia here
- PLAAS what’s happening in our informal economy (South Africa) here
- IGC the impact of Covid-19 on informal workers in India here

3.5.3 Blogs

- World Bank
  - on transition to ‘new normal’ for informal workers here;
  - Social insurance for the informal sector in Africa here
  - An inclusive approach to Covid-19 for Africa’s informal workers here
- UNDP on policy responses for those small enough to fail here
- UN Women on three ways to contain Covid-19’s impact on women informal workers here
- INCLUDE from charity to fair chances in Africa here

3.6 Gender and inclusion (note: more on disability below)

3.6.1 General/framing/call to action

- SPACE Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) Document
- World Bank (2020) Gender dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic (policy note)
• **Grand Bargain Subgroup** The Importance of Acting on Grand Bargain Commitments for a Meaningful Focus on Gender in Cash and Voucher Assistance Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic [here]

• **UN Women** (2020) Family-Friendly Policies and other good workplace practices in the context of COVID-19

### 3.6.2 Research/guidance

- **SPACE** Strengthening gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) during the implementation of social protection responses to COVID-19
- **IFPRI and Transfer Project** brief: Gender-sensitive social protection: A critical component of the COVID-19 response in low- and middle-income countries
- **UN Women** (2020) COVID-19: Emerging gender data and why it matters
- **Gender and COVID-19 Working Group** (2020) List of Resources (living document covering a wide range of topics related to gender)
- **FAO. 2020.** Gendered impacts of COVID-19 and equitable policy responses in agriculture, food security and nutrition
- **OECD Women at the core of the fight against COVID-19 crisis brief [here]**
- **SPACE Gender implementation [forthcoming]**
- **Digital transfers in the time of COVID-19: Opportunities and consideration for women’s inclusion and empowerment (Zimmerman et al., 2020)**
- **COVID-19: How to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement (UN Women, 2020)**
- **Child Safeguarding in Cash Transfer Programming (Thompson, 2012)**
- **GBV Case Management and COVID-19 Pandemic (Yaker & Erskine, 2020)**
- **Checklist to Protect from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse During COVID-19 (Interim Guidance (ISAC, 2020))**
- **Guidance Note for Action: Supporting SMEs to Ensure the Economic COVID-19 Recovery is Gender-Responsive and Inclusive (UN Women)**
- **Centre for Global Development – Pandemics and Violence Against Women and Children**
- **DFAT – COVID-19 Gender and Social Protection guidance note: Violence against women and girls- and gender-sensitive social protection programming**
- **Women's Refugee Commission – Stocktaking Paper on Cash and Voucher Assistance for Protection**
- **DFID Work Opportunities for Women (2020). Women’s Economic Empowerment during the COVID-19 Pandemic: a rapid Review of Impacts and Responses for Economic Relief and Recovery**
- **ILO (2020) The COVID-19 response: Getting gender equality right for a better future for women at work**
- **UNDG (2020) Gender and Recovery Toolkit: Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Crisis and Recovery Settings**

### 3.6.3 Tracking responses

- **UNDP–UN Women COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker** (available from 28th September)
- **WIEGO** – Government responses to COVID-19 crisis
• Gender and Development Network (GADN) List of resources: Feminist Responses to COVID-19.

3.6.4 Blogs
• SDDirect (2020) COVID-19 Blog Series (covering issues of gender, disability and LGBTIQ)
• Save the Children (2020) 8 Ways to Ensure Gender Equality is at the Centre of Responses to COVID-19
• Brookings (2020) COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to strengthen digital safety nets for women
• World Bank (2020) How are the incomes of women and men affected by COVID-19?

3.6.5 Webinars
• Social protection responses to COVID-19: Actions that can make a difference for older people
• Impacts of COVID-19 on care politics
• Emerging field practices to COVID-19 in refugee contexts
• Migrants and COVID-19 – Emerging Practices
• Social Protection and Child Marriage: Evidence, Practice and Opportunities
• Social Protection and Violence against Women and Girls in the Indo Pacific region: Responding to COVID-19
• Gendered impacts of COVID-19 and social protection responses in rural areas
• Inclusion of persons with disabilities in social protection for COVID-19 recovery and beyond
• GBV & Social Protection in COVID-19 and beyond – evidence & emerging practice
• Support for Families During COVID-19: What the Experts Say: Coronavirus & Children
• How can we adopt a gender lens to social protection programs in the face of the COVID-19 crisis?

Box 2: BEYOND COVID-19: USEFUL RESOURCES
• FAO Technical Guide 1 - Introduction to gender-sensitive social protection programming to combat rural poverty: Why is it important and what does it mean?
FAO Technical Guide 2 - Integrating gender into the design of cash transfer and public works programmes; FAO Technical Guide 3 - Integrating gender into implementation and monitoring and evaluation of cash transfer and public works programmes
• Gender-Responsive Age-Sensitive Social Protection conceptual framework here
• CaLP resources on gender and inclusion

3.7 Disability inclusion
• United Nations (2020) Policy Brief, A Disability Inclusive Response to COVID-19. And also another similar here
• ILO (2020) Disability Inclusive Social Protection Response to the COVID-19 Crisis
• WHO (2020) Disability considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak
• Bridging the Gap (2020) The impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities
• Disability De-brief Newsletter collates key resources; includes COVID-19 specific updates and latest DFID Help Desk Rapid Review on the impacts of COVID-19 on people with disabilities
• IDA (2020). COVID 19 and the disability movement:
• OHCHR (2020). Guidance Note on COVID-19 and the rights of persons with disabilities
• IASC. (2020). Interim Briefing Note Addressing Mental Health and Psychosocial Aspects of COVID-19 Outbreak
• ILO. (2020). Questions on Disability and Work: Key issues on promoting employment of persons with disabilities and webinar Disability Inclusion in COVID-19 responses in the World of Work
• UNPRPD (2020) Initial overview of specific social protection measures for persons with disabilities and their families in response to COVID 19 crisis
• Afri-CAN (2020) COVID-19: Implications for the Disabled
• The International Disability Alliance and the International Disability and Development Consortium have launched an Accessibility campaign to call for public health information and communications around COVID-19 to be fully accessible. Making it Work documents good practice on approaches to gender-based violence involving women and girls with disabilities, developed in association with 17 grassroots organisations in Africa (an initiative of Humanity & Inclusion)
• SP.org Webinar inclusion of persons with disabilities in social protection for Covid-19 recovery and beyond here
• World Development (2020) Disability-inclusive responses to COVID-19: Lessons learnt from research on social protection in low- and middle-income countries, here

3.8 Migration and IDPs

• ILO Social protection for migrant workers: A necessary response to the Covid-19 crisis here
• OECD The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on forcibly displaced persons in developing countries here
• World Bank blog Social protection for migrants during the COVID-19 crisis: The right and smart choice here
• See also UNHCR (pre-COVID) here
• Remittances
  o WB Blog on remittance flows during COVID-19 here
  o World Bank Predicts Sharpest Decline of Remittances in Recent History here
  o CALP blog remittances

3.9 Localisation
• **SPACE** Embedding Localisation in the Response to COVID-19 – and accompanying webinar: The role of local and national actors in linking humanitarian cash and social protection in response to the COVID-19 pandemic [here](#).
• **IASC** - INTERIM GUIDANCE ON LOCALISATION AND THE COVID-19 RESPONSE [here](#); IASC Guidance Notes on Localisation
• ODI webinar on localisation during COVID-19 [here](#) and Report From the ground up: it’s about time for local humanitarian action [here](#); Blog Covid-19 and localisation: an opportunity for equitable risk-sharing; Briefing ‘All eyes are on local actors’: Covid-19 and local humanitarian action. Opportunities for systemic change’.
• CALP, Chapter 7 of State of the World’s Cash report [on localisation](#).
• **A4EPP** Position paper: Localized response to COVID-19 global pandemic.

### 3.10 Rural/urban

• See SPACE Economic Impacts document for key distinctions in terms of impact
• Rural support. FAO COVID-19 SP guidance [here](#)
• SP.org webinar SP responses to COVID-19: challenges and opportunities to urban settings in Sub-Saharan Africa [here](#)
• UN policy brief on COVID-19 in urban settings with SP recommendations associated.
• NOTE that more than half of WFP’s operations are now in cities.

### 4 DELIVERY/IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 RESPONSES

#### 4.1 Safety measures for registration/payments

##### 4.1.1 Webinars
• SP.org & Helpage webinar focusing on older people but strong focus on contagion-reducing measures throughout [here](#)

##### 4.1.2 Blogs etc
• Visual twitter thread on countries efforts to ensure safety during registration/payments

##### 4.1.3 Research and guidance
• Helpage guidance
• CALP living document section (including Guidelines from several agencies and major NGOs)

#### 4.2 Risk/corruption/fraud mitigation

• U4 COVID-19, cash transfers, and corruption. Policy guidance for donors
• OECD Safeguarding COVID-19 social benefit programmes from fraud and error
• IMF blog “Do Whatever It Takes but Keep the Receipts”—the Public Financial Management Challenges; paper Keeping the Receipts: Transparency, Accountability.
and Legitimacy in Emergency Responses: paper Enhancing Digital (PFM) Solutions to Implement Emergency Responses

### 4.3 Accountability to affected populations

- **Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH)** [here](#)
- **Global Protection Cluster** COVID-19 Pandemic Cash and Voucher Assistance for Protection Considerations [here](#)
- **Saferworld** Conflict sensitivity in responses to COVID-19: Initial guidance and reflections [here](#)
- **International Budget Partnership** on enhancing transparency/accountability in the COVID19 S.P. response. Blog and very high level guidance [here](#)
- **GOARN, WHO, UNICEF & IFRC** Tips for Engaging Communities during COVID-19 in Low-Resource Settings, Remotely and In-Person [here](#)

### 4.4 Financing

- **Centre for Disaster Protection** blog series dedicated to COVID-19 and the implications for disaster risk financing and flagship report on crisis risk financing. Also: *The future of pandemic financing: What can we learn from the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility?* And Funding COVID-19 response tracking page [here](#)
- **MAINTAINS** COVID-19 series: Disaster risk financing [here](#).
- **SP.org webinar** disaster risk finance for better response to COVID-19 and other risks [here](#)
- Interesting/bold ICRICT report on The global pandemic, sustainable economic recovery and international taxation [here](#).
- **Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors** Call for a solidarity based Global Fund for Social Protection [here](#)
- **CGDEV** pieces: *No-Regret Policies for the COVID-19 Crisis in Developing Countries: Humanitarian Financing Is Failing the COVID-19 Frontlines*; *The IMF’s Growth Forecasts for Poor Countries Don’t Match Its COVID Narrative*; *The Price of Inaction During The COVID-19 Crisis*.
- **Dev Init** Covid-19 and financing projections for developing countries and What impact will Covid-19 have on development finance? + background piece on The challenges of data on the financing response to Covid-19 [here](#)
- **WB** Reviving FDI flows is crucial to economic recovery in developing economies

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**Box 3: BEYOND COVID-19: USEFUL RESOURCES**

- **TRANSFORM** [Base Doc Finance](#)
- **ODI (2015)** *Bringing taxation into social protection analysis and planning: working paper*
- **Ortiz et al (2017)** *Fiscal Space for Social Protection and the SDGs: Options to Expand Social Investments in 187 Countries*
- **IDS (2017)** *Innovative financing methods for social protection*
- **ILO (219)** *Measuring financing gaps in social protection for achieving SDG target 1.3: Global estimates and strategies for developing countries*
4.5 Registration & enrolment - expansion of coverage options

- SPACE framing table on options for rapid expansions of caseloads
- Sp.org webinar Identification and registration of beneficiaries for SP responses in the wake of COVID-19 here and blog (Building on existing data, information systems and registration capacity to scale up social protection for COVID-19 response) here
- DFAT Leveraging social assistance data and information systems for shock response (2019) blog here
- V9 Gentilini paper with section on delivery via social registries here
- CGDEV Digital Technology in Social Assistance Transfers for COVID-19 Relief: Lessons from Selected Cases here
- Econfip piece Pay now verify later here
- CalP - Emerging practices of remote registration and verification webinar

4.6 Payment systems

4.6.1 Research/guidance
- World Bank. Scaling up social assistance payments as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response here, and; Digital Cash Transfers in the time of COVID-19 Opportunities and Considerations for Women's Inclusion and Empowerment here
- CGDEV Digital Technology in Social Assistance Transfers for COVID-19 Relief: Lessons from Selected Cases here
- Mercy corps The Delivery Guide - Scoping the Humanitarian Payments Landscape – useful resources for SP as well
- Bank of International Settlements COVID-19 Cash, and the Future of Payment, here
- GSMA Policy and regulatory recommendations to facilitate mobile humanitarian and social assistance during COVID-19 here
- GSMA Mobile Money recommendations to Central Banks in response to COVID-19

4.6.2 Webinars
- SP.org CGDEV + WB webinar on G2P payments, very useful framing slides at the beginning and some short/medium/long term policy actions and examples from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Jordan here
- Better than cash alliance webinar Lessons from Ebola on digital payments here
- UNCDF webinar Digitizing payments in the time of COVID-19 here
- CGDEV Harnessing Digital Tech & Payments to Support People & Small Businesses Through COVID-19 & Beyond here

4.6.3 Blogs
- CGDEV - Using What You Have to Scale up Payments for COVID-19 Response here; COVID-19: How Countries Can Use Digital Payments for Better, Quicker Cash Transfers here; Digital Technology to Scale Up COVID-19 Social Assistance: What Have We Learned? here
- CGAP Social Assistance Payments in Response to COVID-19: The Role of Donors here
- World Bank - Responding to crisis with digital payments for social protection: Short-term measures with long-term benefits here
• Shepherd-Barron – On the need for ‘cash out’ for digital payments and Ebola lessons here – see also Currency News here (cash not vector for contagion)

Box 4: BEYOND COVID-19: USEFUL RESOURCES
• Inter Agency Social Protection Assessments (ISPA) Payment Tool.
• TRANSFORM Section 3

4.7 Communications and BCC

4.7.1 Pre-COVID-19
• Development Pathways, February 2019, Working Paper Leaving No-one behind Section 6.3.1 on mechanisms for communicating with persons with disabilities to reduce access barriers, and Section 6.3.2.7 on inclusion in Grievance Mechanisms

4.7.2 Behavioural science and BCC
• Oxford University Incorporating behavioural add-ons into COVID-19 cash response Guidance here
• WB and behavioural insights team ‘insights to better design SP cash transfers in emergencies ‘guidance’ here
• Blog How to Maximize the Impact of Cash Transfers, During and After COVID-19 here

4.8 Social Service Workforce


5 DIFFERENT PROGRAMME TYPES

5.1 Public works
• Digital public works WB blog here
• SP.org webinar Impact of COVID-19 on public works programs: policy options in the short and medium term here

5.2 School Feeding
• Great country examples of ‘design tweaks’ of school feeding consolidated by the IPC-IG, summarised in tweet here (three threads with country examples)
• FAO/WFP etc joint paper on school feeding and COVID-19 here

5.3 Child benefits
• UNICEF Emergency Universal Child Benefits: Addressing the Social and Economic Consequences of the COVID-19 Crisis in South Asia here
• ODI event Is it time for universal child benefits? here
5.4 Pensions and social pensions

- HELPAGE and SPACE Social protection for older people during COVID-19 and beyond

5.5 Longer-term livelihoods, employment and economic inclusion

- UNHCR guidance on emerging practices LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION for COVID-19 here
- SP.org webinar Economic inclusion and COVID-19 response here
- PEI - their recent BLOG and COVID policy release, already with interesting insights

6 EMERGING EXPERIENCES? COUNTRY ‘WRITE-UPS’

- WB and G2PX case studies on cash transfers identification and payments from the WBG G2Px initiative: Pakistan, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Jordan, and South Africa.
- Togo here
- Namibia here
- Brazil (IPC-IG twitter thread) here
- Pakistan here and here
- IPC-IG one pagers on Covid-responsive Social Protection Landscapes in South Asia here

7 OTHER USEFUL SOCIAL PROTECTION RESOURCES, BEYOND COVID-19

7.1 Crosscutting, Data sources and platforms

- Socialprotection.org
- UNDP Social Assistance in Africa Data Platform
- ASPIRE indicators at a glance
- SAPI - Social Assistance, Politics, and Institutions database
- Social Assistance in Developing Countries Database
- SPI Database
- CEPAL: Datos y estadísticas
- Eurostat: Social Protection (ESSPROS)
- Mutual Information System on Social protection (MISSOC)
- HelpAge Social Pensions Database
- ILO Social Security Programmes and Mechanisms Database
- ILO Social Security Expenditures Database
- ILO Social Security Database
- OECD Social Expenditure Database (SOCX)
- OECD Social Benefit Recipients Database (SOCR)
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