

Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash Transfer - Update #10 (01 to 07 June 2020)

Highlights this week

- **Webinar: Social Protection – Adapting to COVID19: The use of cash & markets in the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.** The recording of the webinar held on 3rd June can be [found here](#).
- **Webinar:** Identification and registration of beneficiaries for SP responses in the wake of COVID-19: challenges and opportunities. Watch the [recording here](#). And [a blog](#) by Beazley and Barca on the main points.
- **Good practice examples.**
 - [UNHCR CASH ASSISTANCE AND COVID – 19 Emerging Field Practices II](#). This publication gives examples of emerging practices on delivery of cash and includes both the actual delivery but also information on programme design (ie: ways in which to support social protection programming with humanitarian cash transfers)
 - **Nigeria cash working group** hosted a session on social protection and humanitarian cash transfers with presentations on registration and how the short, quick fixes will lead to longer term changes in the planned and on going development of a national social registry. For more information contact [Ajayi Ayobamidele](#). Their annual report is [available here](#).
- **Resource:** To help humanitarian and social protection partners respond to the COVID-19 crisis, DFID and GIZ have established the [Social Protection Approaches to COVID-19 Expert advice helpline \(SPACE\)](#), which has already provided support in over 20 countries. Through a multi-disciplinary “ask-the-experts” service, SPACE provides direct support to governments and their partners to plan, challenge, and innovate COVID-19 responses. Support can take the form of clinic calls or analytical pieces of work led by independent and unbiased experts to provide practical and actionable advice on technical and strategic response options and modalities, drawing on cutting edge research and experiences from across the world. Areas of focus include:
 - Strategic decision-making and delivery system considerations for humanitarian cash transfer and shock responsive social protection programming.
 - Coordination and linkages across the humanitarian cash-social protection nexus, drawing upon components of both systems to meet needs quickly across populations, including those who are vulnerable and hard to reach.
 - Using social protection systems to respond to different stages of the crisis, through expanding and adapting existing programmes, or introducing new ones now and for recovery efforts.

If you are a Government or humanitarian/development partner working with government, and are interested in exploring the potential for SPACE to advise on national-level or inter-agency social protection and humanitarian COVID-19 responses and decision-making, please complete this [request form](#). For further questions please see the flyer available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), or contact SPACE@dai.com.
- **The knowledge gaps in linking SP/HCT** (light touch and gathered from various sources):
 - The gaps highlighted in previous newsletters remain (leadership, coordination, delivery, joint funding, the need for hum and dev actors to understand how each side functions).

Articles/Blogs/Research

- **Blog: [Social Protection Pays off](#) by Shahra Razavi, Director of Social Protection Department at ILO.** Although the blog is from 23 March, it includes important points for humanitarians to be aware of on universal social protection and how building this in countries can ‘cushion’ shocks.
- The [SP links weekly email](#) provides an excellent round up of the research, papers and resources on social protection at large. In the assessment on KML needs, this resource came up repeatedly as a valuable source of information for practitioners in this space (subscribe to it by sending an email to Ugo.Gentilini). Two pieces to highlight this week: [this piece](#) by Sania Nishtar discussing Pakistan’s emergency Ehsaas cash program for 12 million households and how it’s building longer-term financial inclusion, and its contribution in shifting the payment ecosystem from cash-based to digital. Also of interest “a great paper on [social protection and Covid in the region](#) by Lustig and Tommasi discusses how the pandemic is exacerbating pre-existing inequalities and vulnerabilities, and how lockdowns are affecting poor people. And check out p.13 on “people to people social protection”, with a call for “... new thinking about social protection, beyond what governments can do”.
- **Article: [How is the World Bank tackling COVID-19 in fragile and conflict-affected settings?](#)** Given the need to work with actors outside of our ‘norm’, this article from 28th May gives a brief intro on the World Bank’s activities in countries where they tend to overlap with humanitarians (fragility and conflict—[here’s their list for 2020](#)).

Mapping Updates

- **SP/humanitarian cash links mapping (GB cash sub group initiative):** This can be [accessed here](#). The purpose of this live, shareable mapping is to support humanitarian actors in the field. It’s light touch. Initial focus is countries/regions that have Humanitarian Response Plans. It is done in coordination with other mapping initiatives. Contact [Zehra](#) for info/set up a call.

- **ILO Social Protection Monitor:** This presents the latest global social protection policy trends based on media announcements. This update covers January to June 2019. And this [live tracking](#) is updated weekly.

Resources Update

- **New: Course.** ILO is hosting an online course [E-COACHING ON SOCIAL PROTECTION: TOWARDS RESPONSIVE SYSTEMS](#). Deadline for applications is 15 June.
- **Resource (Social Protection Approaches to COVID—SPACE):** excellent resources that you can read about in this useful [twitter thread by Valentina Barca](#). The resources can all be [found on SP.org](#) as well.
- [Socialprotection.org](#) has set up a space on [Social protection responses to #COVID19](#) with a whole series of events, newsletters, mappings etc. The [newsletter](#) is a great resource to be able to see what's being reported in your region/country. The [GB cash sub group has a dedicated community page on the OC: Social Protection in Crisis Contexts](#).
- **CaLP** has a dedicated space on [CVA and COVID-19: resources, guidance, events and questions](#) and [CaLP produced guidance on CVA considerations for COVID](#). (page 9 is specific to SP/HCTs).
- **CCD** has a page on [Social Protection and Humanitarian Cash](#) with country case studies and guidance.
- **Foundational webinars:** The [first webinar](#) from GB cash sub group series to demystify the concept of linking social protection and HCT; good introduction and primer to the topic. Second: How can SP Systems respond to the COVID 19 crisis? sets the scene on how SP systems can respond and the challenges governments are facing; [recording here](#). And thirdly, [Lessons learned and Opportunities: Linking SP systems to humanitarian cash in a pandemic](#). Includes examples within the context of COVID for measures to link SP/HCT.

Looking Ahead

| DATES | ACTIVITY | Organiser |
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| 10 June | Weekly SP/HCT Hangout 8 am EDT. Join here (passwd: 754170) | Zehra Rizvi/Cecile Cherrier |
| 16 June | Webinar: Emerging field practices to COVID-19 in refugee contexts. Register here . | SP.org COVID Series. UNHCR, GIZ, WFP |
| 18 June | Webinar: Covid as an accelerator or blocker in inclusion of forcibly displaced in linking Social Protection and humanitarian cash transfers. 8 am EDT. | GB Sub Group/UNHCR |

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Please email 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.

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