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From reactive to proactive social protection

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Building on TRANSFORM (2020) and SPACE work

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‘Social Protection’?
‘DRM’?
‘CCA’?
‘Humanitarian’?

University/study
Repositories/websites/journals!
Acronyms and in-language
Twitter!
Etc...

UK aid
WHAT: E.g. Social protection’s core mandate is to address poverty and vulnerability, no matter how these are generated.

HOW: E.g. our toolbox is often overlapping, or at least complementary.
Shocks: our new normal

• The number, severity and duration of recent humanitarian crises has been on the rise over the past 30 years.

• Shocks, crises, stressors have come to play a large and increasing role in determining the life outcomes faced by individuals and their families – & the poor and the most vulnerable are most affected.

• ‘Many’ are broadly predictable, recurrent, protracted – and overlapping..
Risks along the lifecycle are compounded by covariate shocks!

EARLY CHILDHOOD
- Stunting, wasting, reduced cognitive development
- No access to ante/post-natal care

SCHOOL AGE
- Child labour
- No access to (quality) school
- Loss of parental care, etc

WORKING AGE
- Unemployment & underemployment
- Inadequate wages
- Debt
- Work accident
- Need to care for children & parents
- Gender discrimination
- Etc...

OLD AGE
- Unemployment & underemployment
- Inadequate wages
- Debt
- Work accident
- Need to care for children & parents
- Gender discrimination
- Etc...

YOUTH
- Inadequate skills
- Unemployment
- Inability to access training
- Alienation
- Early motherhood

COVARIATE SHOCKS
- Chronic illness
- Disability
- Poverty
- Gender, etc...

Increase frailty and inability to work
- No care from family
- Discrimination in labour force

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So? What do we need to be doing?

Strengthening social protection systems to better support individuals and households in need. Two (overlapping) reasons:

1) Cyclical/recurrent/predictable events which are being treated as shocks but are not actually ‘shocks’ should be under SP core mandate *(high frequency/low severity)*
2) If designed/prepared to do so, SP can help achieve improved outcomes and better meet needs of vulnerable/affected populations, *alongside* other sectors *(low frequency/high severity)*
What are we collectively trying to achieve?

Better meeting people’s needs via an increase in...

- Across sectors
- Increase financial protection
- Include other services

Financial Protection: How adequately are risks covered?

Adequacy

Population: Who is covered?

Coverage

Services: Which risks are covered?

Comprehensiveness

With an approach that is...

- More Timely
- More Cost-effective
- More predictable

Ensuring Accountability

Prioritising long term sustainability

For more on how these dimensions relate to the COVID-19 response, see SPACE Strategy Decision Matrix
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**Across sectors**

**What are we collectively trying to achieve?**

**On what basis? Contextual factors informing decisions**

- Type of shock
- Assessment of systems (SP & others)
- Prioritised opportunities, risks, trade-offs across key outcomes

**What roles can SP play in order to help achieve this?**

**A. Routine systems strengthening**
- Ensuring routine programming is based on a solid understanding of the risks, shocks and stresses that your country typically faces

**B. Doing what you already do, better (design and implementation tweaks)**
- Systems strengthening and preparedness so systems can be leveraged by temporary or emergency Programmes

**C. Coordinating with – and supporting – other sectors that are mandated to respond to shocks**
- Preparedness to temporarily increase the value or duration of assistance
- Preparedness to temporarily increase number of recipients
- Preparedness for any other form of coordination (e.g. ‘alignment’ of objectives, targeting method, transfer value, etc.)

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a) ROUTINE system strengthening and design tweaks

b) PREPAREDNESS for future shocks

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From ‘fire-fighting’ to ‘systems-building’

Multiple shocks overlapping

Short term  Medium term  Long term

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“Rethink political choices in a way that prioritizes the most vulnerable, protects societies from extreme inequality, and provides proactive and systemic—not reactive and ad hoc—responses to protect the population”
THANK YOU
Resources

COVID related
• SPACE resources
  1.
  2.
  3.
  4.
  5.
  6.
  7.
  8.
  9.
• Ongoing tracking of COVID responses via SP World Bank/Ugo Gentilini’s weekly updated paper downloadable
• ILO’s overarching framing
• SP.org, and
• CaLP’s go-to page on resources etc
• More resources on SP and COVID-19
Resources

Shock Responsive Social Protection

- (2020) TRANSFORM Curriculum on
- (2019) The – see in particular Chapter 3, Annex 1, and Annex 5 (links to ALL relevant literature)
- (2019) The on SP across the development humanitarian nexus + Operational notes also available
- (2018) DFID & OPM SRSP and Synthesis

WFP – “social protection and climate change”

Box 2 - Different Social Protection Frameworks involving climate change, disaster risk and/or shock response:
- 2016 - BRACED resilience 3P framework- ODI, DFID- Ulrich and Slater 2016
- 2016 - WB Adaptive Social Protection Programme in the Sahel
- 2016 - Shock-responsive social protection in Latin America and the Caribbean-
  WFP & OPM- Beazley et al. 2016
- 2017 - Adaptive Service Delivery Systems-WB
- 2018 - WB Adaptive Social Protection
- 2018 - 3D Resilience Framework: Béné et al. 2018