

SPACE Social Protection Approaches to COVID-19: Expert advice helpline



USEFUL COVID-19 AND SOCIAL PROTECTION MATERIALS (UPDATED EDITION)

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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](#)
- [UNU-WIDER 'precarity and the pandemic, COVID-19 and poverty incidence, intensity, and severity in developing countries' paper](#); [COVID-19: macroeconomic dimensions in the developing world Working Paper](#)
- [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

- [African Development Bank. African Economic Outlook 2020 Supplement Covid-19, with revised growth projections and outlook for Africa for 2020/2021 here](#)
- [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 here](#)

- [Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data COVID-19 Data Resources: round-up of resources](#) – including data, dashboards, visualisations, maps, and tools.
- [World Bank Understanding the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic through data page](#)
- [Our World in Data Contagion/testing/etc rigorous updates](#)

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](#)
- [ILO Social protection responses to the COVID-19 crisis: Country responses and policy considerations here](#) and [Social protection responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in developing countries: Strengthening resilience by building universal social protection 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](#)
- [World Bank Protecting People and Economies: Integrated Policy Responses to COVID-19 here](#)

- 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:
 - Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights Report on "Looking back to look ahead: A rights-based approach to social protection in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery" [here](#)
 - 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](#)
- UNICEF (2019) [Programme Guidance: Strengthening Shock Responsive Social Protection Systems](#) Many others linked in the Annex to the document
- SPAN (2019) [Social Protection across the Humanitarian-Development Nexus. A Game Changer in Supporting People through Crises](#)
- DFID and OPM (2018) [Shock Responsive Social Protection Systems Toolkit](#)

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**
 - [Readiness checklists](#) for Cash Working Groups in light of COVID-19 (includes working with social protection systems).
 - [Cash Coordination Tip Sheet](#) [here](#)
 - [living document on COVID](#)
 - [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**
 - [Brief: COVID-19 crisis and the informal economy](#) [here](#)

- Extending social protection to informal workers in the COVID-19 crisis: country responses and policy considerations [here](#)
- FAO. 2020. Impact of COVID-19 on informal workers [here](#)
- WIEGO
 - Social Protection Responses to Covid-19 Briefs [here](#)
 - Informal Workers in the Covid-19 Crisis [here](#)
 - Tracking government responses for informal workers
- Global Deal on Social Dialogue for the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy [here](#)
- UNDP. 2020. Temporary Basic Income [here](#)
- NIDS-CRAM. 2020. The Covid-19 Crisis and the South African Informal Economy [here](#)
- BRAC. 2020. Rapid Food and Income Security Assessments [here](#)
- IGC. 2020. Informal traders and Covid-19 in Africa [here](#)
- GIWPS. 2020. Covid-19 and the Informal Sector [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](#):
 - How Can Cash Transfers Support Informal-Sector Workers in the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Crisis? [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](#)
- UN Women (2020) [COVID-19: Emerging gender data and why it matters](#)
- 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)
- **World Bank. 2020.** [Supporting Women Throughout the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Emergency Response and Economic Recovery.](#)
- **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](#)
- **UNDP (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)
- ODI (2020) [Covid-19 – why gender matters](#)
- 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](#)
- [Gender Handbook for Humanitarian Action](#) (IASC, 2017)
- [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](#);
- UNICEF (2020). [COVID-19 response: Considerations for Children and Adults with Disabilities](#).
- 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

- UNICEF (2020) [Social Protection for Children and Families in the Context of Migration and Displacement during COVID-19 \(UNICEF technical note\)](#) [here](#)
- 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
 - [WB Blog](#) on remittance flows during COVID-19 [here](#)
 - [World Bank Predicts Sharpest Decline of Remittances in Recent History](#) [here](#)
 - [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
- [A4EP 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](#)
- [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](#)
- [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](#)

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 (2019) [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](#)
- IPA Key Decisions for COVID-19 Social Protection in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Who Benefits and How? [here](#)

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

- [Guidance on social service workforce safety and wellbeing during the COVID-19 response](#) from UNICEF, GSSWA, The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and International Federation of Social Workers

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
- World Bank Managing the Employment Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis: Policy Options for Relief and Restructuring [here](#)

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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