

Workshop:

Evidence on social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement

Venue: Palazzo Gaddi

Via del Giglio 9, Florence, Italy

June 7-8, 2018

Agenda

UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti, in collaboration with the UNICEF Social Inclusion section, is organizing a workshop to bring together and foster an exchange between researchers and policy makers working on social protection in settings of humanitarian emergency. The workshop is a follow-up on the [international conference on social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement](#) held in Brussels in September of 2017. The workshop will take place on June 7 and 8 at Palazzo Gaddi, Via del Giglio 9, Florence, Italy.

Thursday, June 7:

Day one of the workshop will focus on the latest rigorous quantitative evidence on the effects of social protection programmes in humanitarian settings. Researchers involved in promising studies of social protection interventions in humanitarian settings, identified through a call for papers and vetted through a detailed review process, will present their findings. Researchers are asked to focus on the policy implications of their research and evidence gaps they identify as a result of their work.

The event will start punctually at 9am, and participants are kindly requested to arrive half an hour earlier for registration.

08:30: Palazzo Gaddi, Via del Giglio 9, Florence

- 8:30: Registration and coffee
- 9:00: Opening remarks:
 - Priscilla Idele, UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti

- Alexandra Yuster, UNICEF Headquarters Social Inclusion and Policy team
- Jose Cuesta, UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti
- 9:30: Research presentations, session 1, chaired by Amber Peterman, UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti: *Social protection modalities in humanitarian settings*. Presenters will succinctly discuss the key findings of their research. Questions and answers will follow.
 - 09:30: Tilman Brück, IGZ/ISDC: *Assets for alimention? The nutritional impact of assets-based programming in Niger*
 - 09:50: Benjamin Schwab, Kansas State University: *Comparing the productive effects of cash and food transfers in a crisis setting: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Yemen*
 - 10:10: Plenary discussion
- 10:45: Break
- 11:15: Research presentations, session 2, chaired by David Seidenfeld, American Institutes for Research: *Social protection modalities in humanitarian settings*. Presenters will succinctly discuss the key findings of their research. Questions and answers will follow.
 - 11:15: Elisabetta Aurino, Imperial College London: *School feeding or general food redistribution? Quasi-experimental evidence on the educational impacts of emergency food assistance during conflict in Mali*
 - 11:35: Pascale Schnitzer, World Bank: *How to target households in adaptive social protection systems? Evidence from humanitarian and development approaches in Niger*
 - 11:55: Plenary discussion
- 12:30: Lunch
- 14:00: Research presentations, session 3, chaired by Jose Cuesta: *Social protection in refugee hosting settings & targeting households in adaptive social protection systems*. Presenters will succinctly discuss the key findings of their research. Questions and answers will follow.
 - 14:00: Amber Peterman or Elsa Valli, UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti: *Economic transfers and social cohesion in a refugee-hosting setting*
 - 14:20: Jacobus de Hoop, UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti: *No Lost Generation: Supporting the school participation of displaced Syrian children in Lebanon*
 - 14:40: Plenary discussion
- 15:15: Break
- 15:45: Panel discussion with donor community representatives, chaired by Priscilla Idele: *Priorities for research and evidence generation on social protection in humanitarian contexts*. Donors will reflect on the most innovative and promising social protection programs in humanitarian contexts they have funded and where evidence gaps are most notorious.
 - Christina Dankmeyer, GIZ
 - Heather Kindness, DfID
 - Joao Rangel de Almeida, Wellcome trust
 - Montserrat Pantaleoni, ECHO
 - Jasmin Aherdan, SIDA (TBC)
 - Others TBC

- 16:45-17:00: Reflections on day 1: Alexandra Yuster

19:00: Dinner at Trattoria Zà Zà, Piazza Mercato Centrale, 26r, Florence

Friday, June 8:

Day two of the workshop will explore opportunities to push the evidence frontier through an exchange between UNICEF delegates, donor representatives, partner agencies, and participating researchers.

08:30: Palazzo Gaddi, Via del Giglio 9, Florence

- 8:30: Coffee
- 9:00: Setting the stage for day 2: Jacobus de Hoop
- 9:15: Use and generation of evidence on social protection in humanitarian settings, session 1, chaired by Priscilla Idele, *Big picture*
In this session, colleagues representing four UN agencies will present on priorities and ongoing initiatives for generation of evidence in humanitarian settings, followed by a plenary discussion.
 - Claire Mariani, Nupur Kukrety, and Enrique Delamonica, UNICEF Headquarters
 - Sylvio Daidone and Federico Spano, Food and Agriculture Organization
 - Giuseppe Zampaglione, World Bank
 - Andrew Mitchell, UNHCR (TBC)
- 10:15: Use and generation of evidence on social protection in humanitarian settings by UNICEF, session 2, chaired by Arthur van Diesen, UNICEF Middle East and North-Africa Regional Office *Learning from country experience*
This session will focus on the experience of UNICEF country offices (COs) implementing social protection programs in settings of humanitarian emergency. CO delegates will give a 10-minute presentation reflecting on social protection programming in humanitarian emergencies, evidence gaps, and priorities and opportunities for evidence generation, followed by a plenary discussion.
 - Maricar Garde, UNICEF Nepal
 - Hamidou Poufon, UNICEF Nigeria
 - Sharlene Ramkissoon, UNICEF Lebanon
 - Manuel Rodriguez Pumarol, UNICEF Jordan
- 11:15: Break
- 11:45: Use and generation of evidence on social protection in humanitarian settings by UNICEF, session 3, chaired by Jean Dupraz, UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office *Learning from country experience*
See previous session for description
 - Ana Gabriela Guerrero Serdan, UNICEF Madagascar
 - Maren Platzmann, UNICEF Malawi
 - Mohamed El Bechir, UNICEF Cameroon
- 12:45: Lunch
- 14:00: Breakout session: Thematic discussions in about three to four small groups to identify strategic areas for future research. Tentative topics:
 - Increased use of administrative data for research, chaired by Tilman Brück
 - Learning from operations, chaired by Jacobus de Hoop
 - Coordination of research, operations, and funding, chaired by Jose Cuesta

- Other to be identified based on morning's conversations, chaired by Amber Peterman
- 15:00: Plenary feedback from thematic discussions
- 15:30 - 15:45: Plenary closing reflections led by Alexandra Yuster
- 16:00 - 17:00: UNICEF delegates only: internal discussion and aperitivo