Framing presentation

Linking Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection Systems

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Locating our session in the SSLF framing on Day 1…

INVESTING IN A MORE ADAPTIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM
Three building blocks

DEFINING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
Within and across government
With non-government partners

ADAPTIVE INFORMATION
ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS
ADAPTIVE FINANCE

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Humanitarian assistance and social protection systems are complementary...

Responding to a range of needs

- National safety net systems respond to “predictable” needs
- Humanitarian assistance responds to emergency needs

Poverty and Vulnerability
...Ensuring benefits reach people in a range of contexts

Leadership and implementation

National safety nets delivered through government systems

Humanitarian organizations fill gaps and carry-out functions governments cannot

Legislation or international conventions (e.g. refugees)
States cease to exist
Financing anticipated costs

• Multiyear allocation for SP programming

Δ Post shock financing strategy in place
  Δ Reserve fund
  Δ Contingent credit
  Δ Insurance
  Δ Budget reallocation
  Δ Donor finance
  Δ Humanitarian resources
This complementarity underpins the Adaptive Social Protection Road Map
Changes in humanitarian assistance support a more integrated system

- World Humanitarian Summit’s “Grand Bargain” calls for increased multi-annual funding to enhance predictability
- Humanitarian response is increasingly cash based: in 2016, the volume of humanitarian cash transfers and vouchers topped $2.8B, a 40% increase since 2015
- A commitment to reinforce and strengthening local implementation capacity, where possible

Source: CaLP (2018)
In practice, nearly all humanitarian assistance is provided *outside* national structures.

Share of humanitarian assistance delivered through national government structures

Source: Stoddard (2017) based on FTS data.
Unbundling the SP-humanitarian dichotomy

- **What is a ‘national system’?**
  - Source of funding
  - Channel of delivery
  - Implementation function

- **What do we mean by ‘humanitarian assistance’?**
  - Responding to what ‘need’ – regular or emergency
  - International vs. domestic (sometimes located outside the SP remit, e.g., disaster authorities)
  - Source of funding

- This session discusses these elements to better connect humanitarian and SP
Our panel

• How are humanitarian and SP connecting in practice?

• What are the emerging issues and challenges?

• What lessons for others?

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