Social Protection and Humanitarian cash transfers in COVID response

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COVID-19 has unleashed an economic crisis

- 71 million additional people will be living in extreme poverty by end of the year
- 100 million if the outbreak persists longer.
- Deeper recession in 2020 and slow recovery in 2021

Social Protection has never been more important in humanitarian response
Social Protection across the nexus

Collaboration, Coordination, and Complementarity with partners

- Risk informing and preparing SP systems
- Supporting continuation of social protection and its scale up of SP systems
- Leveraging some parts of the SP systems for Humanitarian cash transfers
- Building nascent SP systems
Stepping up Social Protection efforts in response to COVID-19

1. Collaboration in evidence generation:

*Child poverty estimation* by UNICEF and Global Coalition to end Child Poverty
- 106 million additional children will live in poor households by 2020
- 385 million children already live in extreme poverty and 663 million children live in multi-dimensional poverty

*Social Protection response mapping* by World Bank and UNICEF
- 195 countries/territories have introduced/scaled up 1024 social protection measures
2. Coordinating global advocacy and learning

Grand Bargain sub–group on linking social protection and humanitarian cash

Influencing
- Advocacy note by a collective of agencies (27 agencies)
- Recommendations paper by GB sub group

Knowledge sharing and Learning
- Webinar series to share learning by partners
- Mapping of SP & CVA links in countries
- Tip sheet for CWG coordinators on linking SP & CVA with CaLP and others
3. Programme

*Supporting governments to introduce, adjust and/or scale up social protection measures*
- Technical Assistance
- Funding

*Humanitarian cash transfers*
- Supporting households not covered by social protection
- Leveraging existing social protection system or contributing to system strengthening
Thank You
Humanitarian Cash transfer for COVID-19

CAR Experience

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CAR OVERVIEW – COUNTRY PROFILE

Country Profile:

- Land-locked country
- 4.9 million of people
- 188/189 on the UN Development Index
- 71% of the population live below the international poverty line
- 53% of the population in need
- 32% of the population in urgent need
- Child mortality rate: 179/1000
CAR OVERVIEW – CASH PROFILE

CASH BASED INITIATIVES  (1 JAN - 31 DEC 2019)

KEY FIGURES

- Voucher: 368K people
- Others: 10K people
- Monetary Transfer: 174K people
- Electronic Transfer: 18K people

37 Sub Prefecture out of 71

570K people assisted

$25.2M Total amount provided

KEY FIGURES

- Development: 79K people assisted by World Bank’s supported projects
- Monetary Transfer: 100% coverage

$3.75M Total amount provided
COVID-19 in CAR

Economic situation:
- Market negative impact - 80% of imported items
- Prices' inflation
- Decrease of customers
- Loss of income (75% informal sector) – +140,000 people in extreme poverty

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- % traders reporting a drop in the number of their customers: 54%
- % traders reporting an increase in transportation's price: 43%
- Clients lack financial resources
- Movement restriction
- Fear of COVID-19
- Road movement limitation
- Bad road condition
- Difficulties to find workers

COVID-19 Situation in Numbers

- 3,500 COVID-19 confirmed cases*
- 40 COVID-19 deaths*
- 1.37 million estimate number of children affected by school closures

*WHO/MoHP, 31 May 2020
WHY and HOW to do CASH TRANSFER in a COVID context?

**Why:**
- To support vulnerable impacted households
- To support the local economy
- To reinforce the social protection system

**How:**
- In coordination with other stakeholders
  - Cash Working Group
  - Implementing Partners
  - Social Protection stakeholders (World Bank, Government...)
- Based on technical recommendations (CaLP, past Ebola experiences)
- Based on needs, impacts evaluation and projection
- In close collaboration with INGO/ NGO
HOW to do CASH TRANSFER in a COVID context?

COVID UNICEF Cash Strategy Response

- Based on: Ebola experience, CoLP's recommendations, CWG recommendations

Funds mobilization
- Advocacy, Internal funds, External funds, 900k

Call for proposal
- 2 calls for proposal published on UNPP

INGO/NGO partnership
- Based on technical evaluation from the comite 2 partnerships

Project implementation
- Design, targeting, implementation, monitoring, COVID measures with UNICEF's support

Unicef Cash technical support
- 1 cash expert and 1 cash M&E available to support

CWG technical discussion

Based on:

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