



GUIDANCE PACKAGE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION ACROSS THE HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS

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- Inter-service initiative jointly led by three services of the European Commission DG's DEVCO, ECHO and NEAR;
- Practical guidance on how social protection can serve as an effective long-term response to protracted crises bridging the humanitarian - development divide;
- Focusses on most challenging settings: fragile and conflict-affected countries; contexts of forced displacement;

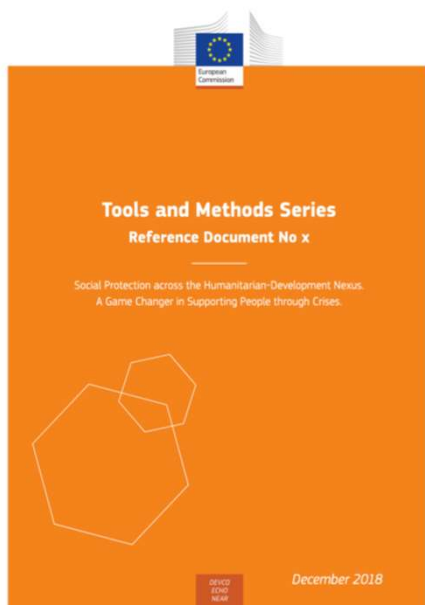
CONTENT OF THE GUIDANCE PACKAGE



- Provides policy material:
 - Reference Document “Social Protection across the Humanitarian-Development Nexus”,
 - 10 thematic, sectoral and contextual content notes,
 - 11 country case studies, e.g. for Bangladesh, Nepal
 - Think Pieces on latest research in the sector,
 - An e-learning journey.
- Provides guidance for and creates synergies with on-going initiatives relevant for social protection, such as USP2030, the ISPA tools



Throughout the paper links to webinars, videos, initiatives, and background documents are provided:



REFERENCE DOCUMENT ON SOCIAL PROTECTION ACROSS THE HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT NEXUS



Social protection in humanitarian situations

Duration: 00:02:57

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/video/?videoid=gthfmluYJq4>



Generating evidence in fragile settings

Duration: 00:03:33

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/video/?videoid=8M9sUZm42Wo>



Workshop on evidence on social protection in contexts of fragility and forced displacement

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/article/1829-evidence-on-social-protection-in-contexts-of-fragility-and-forced-displacement.html>



New urban landscapes: social protection for refugee and displaced people

Duration: 00:02:55

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/video/?videoid=XXKGbzinzM>

THE GUIDANCE PACKAGE REFERENCE DOCUMENT



It refines:

- Rationale for working with social protection in crisis contexts
- Frequency, severity, complexity & duration of crises has overburdened traditional systems;
- Efficiency & impact gains from working with SP in different types of crises;
- It is possible to work with all social protection instruments in crises settings;
- Impacts are greater when SP linked to other services & programmes.

CHAPTER A

SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION



Identifies ways to bridge the humanitarian-development divide, in

- Periods of stability
 - Periods of fragility, conflict or forced displacement
 - Crises
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- Depending on the context, bridging humanitarian assistance and social protection can be ensured in different ways:



Source: Source: Gentilini, Ugo / Laughton, Sarah / O'Brien, Clare (2018) *Human(itarian) Capital? Lessons on Better Connecting Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection*, Social Protection & Jobs Discussion Paper No. 1802, WFP / WB.

CHAPTER B – WHY WORK WITH SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CRISES CONTEXTS?



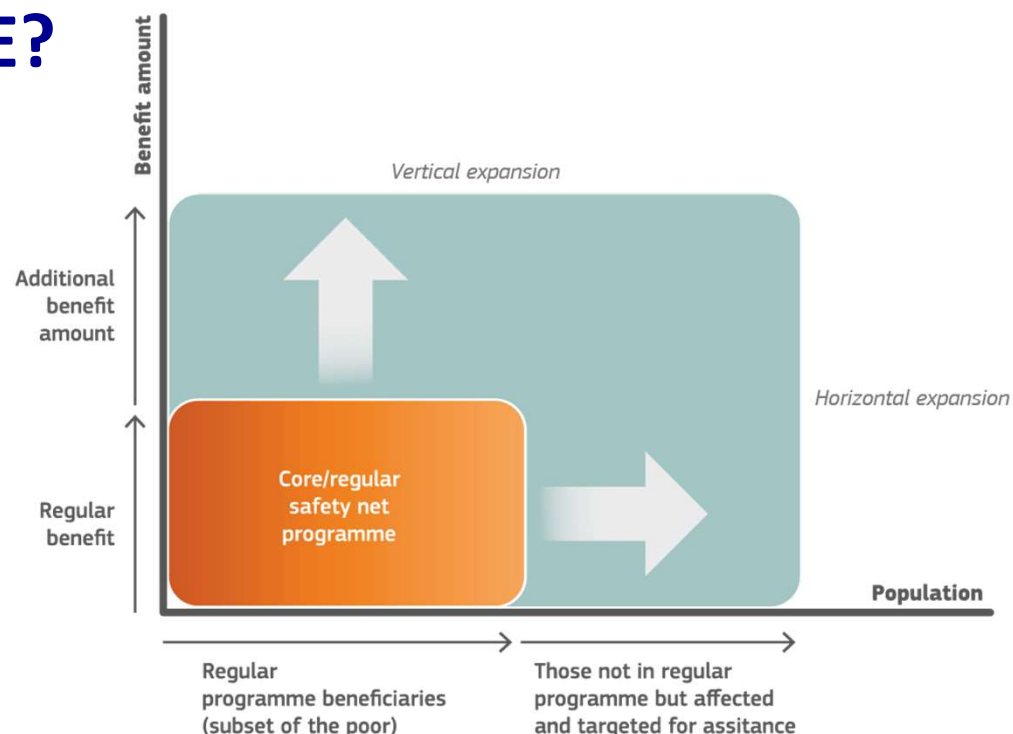
Shows social protection's demonstrated impact towards the SDG's

- across a range of outcomes including poverty, inequality, food security, education, and local economic growth.
- Which relevant to both development and humanitarian actors.
- Social protection is a core policy tool for addressing major socio-economic challenges.

CHAPTER C – WHAT DOES SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CRISES CONTEXTS LOOK LIKE?

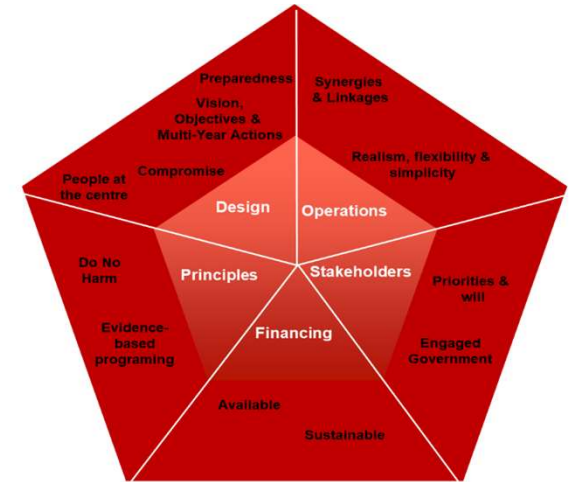


- Most experience to date is on working with social assistance (often cash based).
- Assessment of options must be made against the anticipated benefits and risks of continuing with stand-alone humanitarian response.
- **Programme Scalability** to enable responsiveness to shocks



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CHAPTER D – DELIVERS KEY RESPONSE FEATURES



- **Analysis:** Conduct joint assessment in partnership with government to develop a common understanding, to clarify the risks;
- **Design:** Multi-year strategies & actions should be jointly developed with long and short-term objectives;
- **Stakeholder priorities** and incentives should be balanced according to political economy;
- **Integrated financing** (hum and dev funds) makes common programming a reality;
- Adherence to **principles of engagement:** requirement to **Do No Harm**; commitment to **evidence-based programming**;
- **This generates a shared long-term vision** and priority common goals for DG ECHO and DG DEVCO/DG NEAR to inform multi-year programming.

GUIDANCE PACKAGE – NEXT STEPS



- **March:** Publication of the Reference Document
- **May:** Publication of ten thematic, sectoral and contextual notes, dissemination, E-Learning Journey;
- **20 May:** Dissemination event in Brussels