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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE EADI SOCIAL PROTECTION WORKING GROUP,

This is the **5th edition** of our Social Protection Brief. On the left-hand side you can find a short list of the sections included.
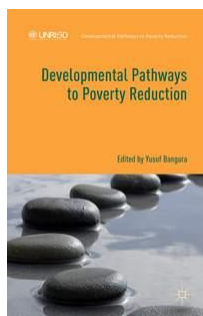
The next Brief will be distributed on **26th October 2015.**

Best Regards,

Sonja

PUBLICATIONS

Developmental Pathways to Poverty Reduction

edited by Yusuf Bangura, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Palgrave, July 2015. The book is available in hardback or as an Ebook (EPUB and PDF).

In 2000, governments made a commitment through the Millennium Development Goals to reduce poverty and hunger by half by 2015. However, despite the reorientation of much of aid policy towards the fight against poverty, there are concerns that many countries will be unable to make meaningful dents in their levels of poverty, let alone meet the lofty goals. At the centre of these concerns is whether countries are following the right development path, and whether lessons have been learned from the strategies of newly industrialized countries that drastically reduced poverty relatively quickly and without much dependence on international development assistance. This book is about pathways to poverty reduction that emphasize employment-centred structural change, social policies that both protect citizens and contribute to economic development, and types of politics that support growth and redistribution. It draws on the experiences of countries that transformed their economies and

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reduced poverty in very short periods.

Evaluating the Targeting Effectiveness of Social Transfers: A Literature Review

IDS Working Paper 460, July 2015, Stephen Devereux, Edoardo Masset, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, Michael Samson, Dolf te Lintelo and Althea-Maria Rivas.

Many methodologies exist for dividing a population into those who are classified as eligible for social transfers and those who are ineligible. Popular targeting mechanisms include means testing, proxy means tests, categorical, geographic, community-based, and self-selection. This paper reviews empirical evidence from a range of social protection programmes on the accuracy of these mechanisms.

Little cash to large households: Cash transfers and children's care in disadvantaged families in Ghana

International Social Security Review Volume 68, Issue 2, pages 63–83, April-June 2015, Keetie Roelen, Helen Karki Chettri and Emily Delap

Social protection is widely considered to have a positive effect on children, including supporting improvements in nutritional, educational and health outcomes. Much less is known, however, about the impact of interventions on children's care. This article considers the impact of a social cash transfer targeted at poor households – Ghana's Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme – on child well-being, quality of care and preventing children's separation from their parents as perceived by programme and non-programme beneficiaries in a context of vulnerability, large households and widespread informal kinship care.

CALLS

Call for proposals/sessions – 4th International Climate Change Adaptation Conference taking place in Rotterdam from 10 – 13 May 2016.

Adaptation Futures is the biennial conference of the **Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA)**. In 2016 the fourth edition will be co-hosted by the European Commission and the Government of the Netherlands. **Approximately 1.500 participants are expected**; scholars, practitioners, policymakers and business people from all around the world. The conference highlights adaptation practices and solutions for people, governments and businesses. The programme will address all sectors and all parts of the world.

Public Health will be one of seven themes:

Source: http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org/programme/themes-issues

Flyer call sessions and abstracts

http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org/qfx_content/documents/AF16%20call%20sessions%20and%20abstractsv3.pdf

More information

http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org/

EVENTS

'Graduating from Social Protection?' IDS Bulletin launch seminar - video

Overseas Development Institute, 10 July 2015, London

A new IDS Bulletin, 'Graduating from Social Protection?', reviews the rapidly growing evidence base, explores enablers and constraints to graduation, and assesses how graduation fits in the broader social protection and poverty reduction agendas.

This seminar was a presentation of new and exciting work on the conceptualisation and practice of graduation programmes across several countries and diverse contexts, describing what graduation is, how it works, and how to do it. Speakers included Stephen Devereux, Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and Keetie Roelen (IDS), Anna McCord (ODI) and Vishal Gadhavi (ITAD).

CSP Short Course 'Social Protection: Policies, programmes and evidence'

This year's round of the 4-day CSP short course on social protection took place from 6-9 July. It brought together 25 participants from all over the world and a wide range of organisations including UN agencies, international NGOs, government agencies, donors and research institutes. It was another successful week with much sharing of knowledge and experiences on

design and implementation of social protection programmes but also discussions of broader topical issues such as systems-building and graduation. A third round of the course will be held in July 2016 - exact dates to be confirmed.

ONLINE RESOURCES

How best to measure child poverty?

The UK has moved from measuring child poverty by family income to focusing instead on 'root causes' – yet global evidence shows this leads to a blame game says Keetie Roelen in The Guardian.
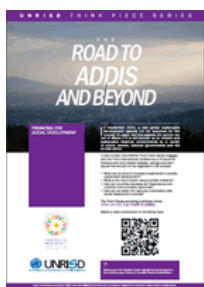
The Old Social Protection Curiosity Shop

The Centre for Social Protection welcomes the World Bank and ILO Universal Social Protection Initiative. Yet, the World Bank/ILO alliance embodies several curiosities as explored by Stephen Devereux.

Challenging Assumptions: From Child-Focused to Child-Sensitive Social Protection

This commentary by Keetie Roelen on the Social Protection and Human Rights resource platform considers a number of issues related to the design and implementation of social protection interventions that challenge their child-sensitive nature, namely direct targeting of children, attaching conditions to social protection and focusing primarily on economic strengthening.

The Road to Addis and Beyond: Financing for Development series

The 2015 global sustainable development agenda will quickly run out of steam if it is not backed up by reliable and sustainable financial commitments by a variety of actors: donors, national governments and the private sector. This series brings together a number of short essays that engage with current Financing for Development debates, and raises provocative and alternative perspectives on possibilities for funding social development. www.unrisd.org/road-to-addis.

Let´s Talk about Women´s Rights: 20 Years after the Beijing Platform for Action

UNRISD is marking the twentieth anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcome of the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women, with this Think Piece Series Let's Talk about Women's Rights: 20 Years after the Beijing Platform for Action. Leading feminist thinkers from around the world have been invited to critically review progress on women's rights and gender equality, informing the Beijing+20 debate through a critical and forward-looking discussion. http://www.unrisd.org/beijing+20-thinkpieces .

VACANCIES

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More information: https://jobs.odi.org.uk/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=24094