

SOCIAL PROTECTION WORKING GROUP

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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE EADI SOCIAL PROTECTION WORKING GROUP,

This is the **32**th **edition** of our Social Protection Brief. On the left-hand side you can find a short list of the sections included.

Best regards, Callistus Agbaam

PUBLICATIONS

Are cash-for-work programmes good for local economic growth? The case of donor-funded public works for refugees and nationals in Jordan by Markus Loewe and Tina Zintl. In *Canadian journal of Development Studies* (2023).

This article investigates whether public works / cash for work (CfW) programmes contribute to economic growth locally, beyond benefits paid to participants, especially in contexts of flight and migration. Based on quantitative and qualitative research conducted in Jordan, it affirms that CfW substantially promotes economic growth through multiplier effects since CfW participants spend most income locally. Some programmes in Jordan improve also the employability of their participants, which, however, does not transform into higher employment rates because the Jordanian labour market is extremely tight. Finally, the programmes empower women by easing labour-market access and — though not irrevocably — changing gender roles.

^{*} The content of this Brief lies within the responsibility of the working group members.

Coaching in Economic Inclusion: Learning from Existing Models and Casting a Way Forward by Sumanthiran Shilohni and Roelen Keetie. PEI in Practice, World Bank (2023).

Coaching is used in 90 percent of economic inclusion programs and is increasingly seen as a critical component of such interventions (Andrews et al. 2021). It is a crosscutting element in economic inclusion programming, facilitating all other components of a program and facilitating the 'human side' of interventions by providing participants with the extra support and advice they need to take full advantage of program resources. This In Practice paper shares insights and lessons learned from a comprehensive literature review of economic inclusion interventions and their approach to coaching. It explores coaching along seven design parameters: scope of coaching, depth of coaching, type of coaching (individual versus group), level of engagement, caseload, staffing, and coaching tools.

The state of social protection around the world by Lutz Leisering in: Leila Patel, Sophie Plagerson and Isaac Chinyoka (eds.), Handbook on social protection and social development in the global South. Elgar: Cheltenham, pp 64–96. (2023).

The article provides an overview on social protection around the world, with an emphasis on the global South. The article is based on a broad range of data and applies a new conceptual framework. Such overview has not been available before.

Social protection for migrant workers in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries: A regional mapping of provisions on paper and in practice by ILO- Flagship Report (2023).

This report explores the de jure (according to the law) and the de facto (actual) access of migrant workers to nine areas of social protection across the GCC countries, and the factors that have facilitated or hindered the extension of such coverage. The report is the first of its kind to assess this topic in a structured and systematic manner, and includes a review of the relevant literature in both English and Arabic, a review of applicable legislation and regulations by country, and an analysis of 51 key informant interviews.

Access to social protection for Nepalese migrant workers in countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) by ILO (2023).

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Migration and Inequality in the Global South: Evidence from the MIDEQ (Policy Report) by United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (2023).

This report highlights the work of the Migration for Development and Equality Hub, which unpacks the complex and multi-dimensional relationships between migration, development and inequality in the context of the Global South. It presents findings from six migration "corridors" that link migrants' countries of origin and destination: Burkina Faso — Côte d'Ivoire; China — Ghana; Egypt — Jordan; Ethiopia — South Africa; Haiti — Brazil; and Nepal — Malaysia.

BLOGS/PODCAST

New podcasts from the series <u>Principles for Change: Envisioning a New Eco-Social Contract</u>

- Historical Injustices Addressed: Lessons from South Africa's Post-Apartheid Constitutional Experience, with Imraan Valodia
- Human Rights for All: Putting People with Disabilities at the Heart of Eco-Social Contracts,
 with Natasha Trotman and Monica Pinilla

Blogs:

Boosting opportunities for the most vulnerable: the Productive Social Safety Net toolbox for Africa

Improving the Cash Transfer Process with Mobile Technologies: Lessons from Mali

OTHER NEWS

Event Report: Research action Research hub hosts workshop on poverty reduction policies and programmes

To understand how poverty reduction policies and programmes might be made more effective, the new <u>Poverty and Social Protection (PSP) Hub</u> in the Centre for the Study of Global Development (CSGD) partnered with the <u>Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN)</u> at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) on a 'Poverty Reduction – Rethinking Policy and Practice' workshop on 27 – 28 September 2023. The workshop collaborated with <u>the DSA/ EADI Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics (MDDP) working group</u>.

To read more about the about, follow this link: https://wels.open.ac.uk/news/research-hub-hosts-workshop-poverty-reduction-policies-and-programmes

Upcoming Events

- Side Event at the Global Forum on Migration and Development Achieving Objective 19 of the Global Compact on Migration: How can government partnerships better support diaspora contributions to sustainable development? (Room CICG-F I CICG Geneva 25 January 2024 I 12:00 13:30 CET)
- Save the date: World Social Work Day 2024 Buen Vivir and Social Work: Co-building a Sustainable and Just Future (20 March, 2024)

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The working group aims at exchanging information and discussing ongoing research related to social protection. Researchers dealing with social protection and interested in an international exchange are also welcome to join. For More information please contact the Convenors:

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