

Launch and Workshop Event

‘Putting Children First: New Frontiers in the Fight Against Child Poverty in Africa’

Friday 18 October 2019

Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton, UK

INVITATION

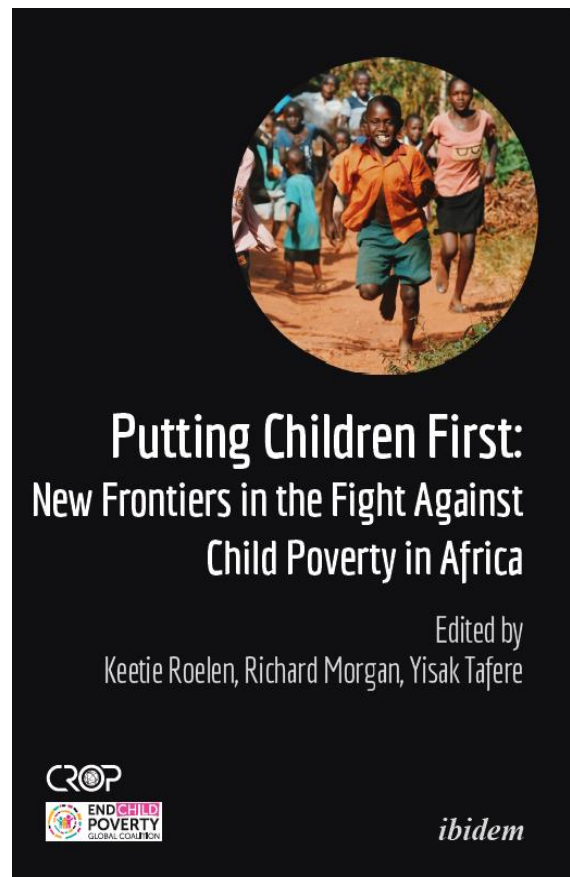
Despite important strides in the last few decades, child poverty remains widespread and persistent, particularly in Africa. Poverty in all its dimensions is detrimental for early childhood development and leads to often unreversed damage for the lives of girls and boys, locking children and families into intergenerational poverty.

On **Friday 18 October**, we bring together leading scholars and policy makers to discuss new frontiers in the fight against child poverty in Africa. We zoom in on two policy areas, namely (i) *cash-plus programming for improved child outcomes*, and (ii) *policies supporting safe transitions from childhood to adulthood*, learning lessons from new research and programming initiatives and debating ways forward.

You are cordially invited to join this exciting event!

The event is co-hosted by IDS, the DSA/EADI Working Group on Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics, Global Coalition to End Child Poverty, the Impact Initiative, with support from the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP/University of Bergen/International Science Council). At the event, we launch an edited volume following [an international research and policy conference held in Addis Ababa](#) in October 2017 that includes applied research from across the continent in three themes, namely i) manifestations of child poverty, (ii) child-sensitive social protection, and (iii) transitions from childhood into adulthood.

RSVP before 1 October 2019 – k.roelen@ids.ac.uk. This event is by invitation only.



Draft programme (subject to change)

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| 9.30 – 10.00 | Registration with coffee |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Welcome and introductions |
| 10.15 – 12.15 | <p>Cash plus programming for improved nutrition and child outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Child Development Grant Programme in Nigeria</i> Luke Harman, Save the Children UK • <i>The Drive against Child Malnutrition: Evidence from the National Home Grown School Feeding Program in Southwest Nigeria</i> Kemi Akeju, Ekiti State University • <i>The impact of cash and health insurance on child nutrition during the first 1,000 days: Evidence from Ghana</i> Richard de Groot and Jenn Yablonski, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research and UNICEF Ghana • <i>Improving Child Development With “Cash Plus Plus”: Evidence from a randomized control trial in Madagascar</i> Saugato Datta, Josh Martin, Laura Rawlings and Andrea Vermehren, Ideas42 and World Bank |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | Lunch |
| 13.15 – 15.15 | <p>Supporting transitions from childhood into adulthood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Evolving transitions into adulthood in Ethiopia, 2009-2016</i> Catherine Porter, University of Lancaster • <i>Between and between: Adolescent transitions and social policy lacunae in Ethiopia</i> Megan Devonald and Nicola Jones, ODI/ GAGE • <i>Carts and Horses - First Things First in bringing an end to child poverty in Africa: Mainstreaming the Strengthening of policies and laws on girl child education for the eradication of child marriage in Nigeria</i> Olayinka Adeniyi, University of Pretoria • <i>Child Marriage and Ethiopia’s Productive Safety Net Programme: Analysis of Protective Pathways in Amhara Region</i> Maja Gavrilovic, Tia Palermo, Elsa Valli and Francesca Viola, UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research |
| 15.15 – 15.45 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 – 16.30 | <p>Launch and panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yisak Tafere, Policy Study Institute, Ethiopia • Richard Morgan, Plan International • Richard Jolly, IDS • tbc |