



*PEGNET Expert Meeting on the
Effects of social cash transfers on the different dimensions of poverty
(income, education, health, nutrition and other)*

German Development Institute/
Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE),
Tulpenfeld 6, 53113 Bonn, Germany,
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Social cash transfers can play an important role for human, economic and socio-political development. For long, they have been seen mainly as an instrument for poverty alleviation. Today, we know that they are also effective in preventing poverty and in tackling other, non-monetary dimensions of poverty (such as, malnutrition, bad health, low education), which in turn helps breaking the intergenerational transmission of poverty. Furthermore, cash transfers encourage low-income households to invest and become economically active and could potentially promote social inclusion, social cohesion, societal and political stability. The question is which types of social cash transfer schemes are most effective in achieving these different effects and under what conditions.

The expert meeting on 07 November 2018 at DIE in Bonn is meant to (i) provide participants with an overview on the empirical evidence that we have so far on the effects of different kinds of social cash transfers schemes on the multiple dimensions of poverty at least. It provides an opportunity for policy makers and researchers (ii) to discuss which kind of social cash transfer scheme is best at reducing different dimensions of poverty. Moreover, it provides room for all participants to (iii) develop a common understanding of the implications of the existing empirical evidence for future policy making.

Schedule:

- 14.00h **Welcome Note**
DIE, EADI and PEGNET
- 14.15h **The key role of social cash transfers for human, economic, societal and political development**
Francesco Burchi, Markus Loewe, Daniele Malerba and Christoph Strupat, all DIE
- 14.30h **Social cash transfers are a key instrument for poverty reduction but can also be effective in promoting education, health, nutrition and other aspects of human development. But under which conditions? What is the status of scientific knowledge so far?**
Armando Barrientos, University of Manchester
Francesco Burchi, DIE
Franziska Gassmann, University of Maastricht
Jacobus de Hoop, UNICEF Office of Research
Q&A
- 16.00h **What consequences for development policy?**
Francesco Burchi, Markus Loewe, Daniele Malerba and Christoph Strupat, all DIE, and Susanne von Itter, EADI
Structured discussion
- 17.20h **Concluding notes**
- 17.30h **End of event**