



SHOCK-RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR RESILIENCE BUILDING: SUPPORTING LIVELIHOODS IN PROTRACTED CRISES, FRAGILE AND HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS

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SPEAKER

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BACKGROUND

In the context of the increased complexity of crises, protracted displacement, overstretched capacity and the lack of resources for meeting growing humanitarian needs, development and humanitarian actors are joining forces to find innovative approaches to effectively address these needs. Within this framework, FAO and its partners recognize that scaling-up cash-based programming as well as risk-informed and shock-responsive social protection systems is a strategic priority to improve food security and nutrition and to protect households' assets as well as increase income of the most vulnerable population. Indeed, access to predictable, sizable and regular social protection benefits can, in the short-term, protect poor households from the impacts of shocks, including erosion of productive assets, and can minimize negative coping practices. In the longer term, social protection can help to build capacity, smooth consumption, and allow for investments that contribute to building the resilience of people to future threats and crisis.

In humanitarian and fragile contexts, when markets function and there is a stable currency, cash-based interventions are recognized as flexible and cost-effective instruments for addressing the most pressing needs of populations affected by shocks. In these settings, where the provision of governmentally led social protection services is absent or weak, FAO sees its strategic role in supporting the design of cash and "cash+" type of interventions while supporting the capacity development of local stakeholders. These interventions aim at being a starting point for the development of national social protection systems that are risk-informed and responsive to shocks to be used to plan timely and efficient responses to emergencies. Such a response might involve increasing the amount of a transfer to cover additional needs (vertical expansion), temporarily expanding the number of beneficiaries receiving a transfer (horizontal expansion) or complementing the transfer with other components to enhance the protection of assets.

The webinar will provide an overview of FAO's work in the area and discuss the role of shock-responsive social protection systems, evidence-based knowledge available to date and research gaps.

KEY WORDS / AREAS OF INTEREST

Resilience to shocks, protracted crises, fragile and humanitarian contexts, household food security, agricultural livelihoods, social protection, gender, cash-based programmes, long-term development, flexible social protection systems, knowledge sharing, good practices

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Natalia Winder Rossi is a senior social protection specialist with experience in policy and programmatic work in Latin America and Eastern and Southern Africa. Currently, she is Senior Social Protection Officer, Social Protection team leader at FAO's Social Protection Division (ESP) and Delivery Manager for FAO's Organizational Output 3 on Social Protection. She is leading FAO's work in strengthening policy and programmatic linkages between social protection, productive inclusion, nutrition and resilience. In this position, Ms. Winder has been supporting governments in the design of risk-informed and shock responsive systems, as well as representing FAO in inter-agency technical discussions on the role of social protection in protracted crises, fragile and humanitarian contexts.

Prior to joining FAO, she was Senior Social Protection Specialist (Social Protection) at UNICEF's Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa, and Social Protection Officer at UNICEF-Headquarters in New York where she led UNICEF's support across twenty-one countries. Prior to joining UNICEF, Ms. Winder worked at the Inter-American Development Bank on social protection, the design of social protection programmes in Latin America. Natalia holds a Master's of Science degree in Foreign Service (Economic Development) from Georgetown University, a Master's of Science in Social Policy Research from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a BA degree in International Relations from George Washington University.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

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