

Lessons learned from cash transfers implementation during the COVID-19 pandemic (D1400)

Description:

General objective:

Improve cash transfer systems in English speaking and Caribbean countries, with focus on shock-responsiveness, social registries and digital payments.

Specific objectives:

Document (in a report) the experience of cash transfer program implementation in English speaking and Caribbean countries during the COVID-19 pandemics, and extract lessons for future social protection systems, with focus on shock-responsiveness, social registries and digital payments.

Facilitate the dialogue on this topic among English speaking and Caribbean countries (in two virtual meetings and one in-person meeting).

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Client Support

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cash transfers covid-19. digital payments shock-responsiveness social registries

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Has the proposal been discussed and authorized by the responsible sector or country department/division, as applicable?

Yes

Team Leader Responsible Department

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Are there specific countries that will directly benefit from your proposal?

Yes

Mark the specific countries that will be directly benefited from your proposal?

Barbados

Belize

Guyana

Jamaica

Suriname

Trinidad y Tobago

Where applicable, describe how the proposal aligns with the respective country strategy (for each country selected)

Not applicable.

Does the proposal align to one or more sector frameworks?

Yes, the proposal aligns with at least one sector framework

Identify and describe how the proposal aligns to the sector framework(s)

This TC is aligned with the SFD on Social Protection and Poverty, and its first line of action: "Support efficient and flexible cash-transfer programs that alleviate structural poverty and provide protection against systemic or idiosyncratic shocks"

Select the regional challenges and cross-cutting issues to which the proposal aligns to
Social Inclusion and Equality

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

Justify the alignment to each selection above

This TC is aligned with the challenge of Social Exclusion and Inequality, as cash transfer programs are a key instrument to alleviate poverty, reduce inequality and promote social inclusion.

This TC is aligned with the cross-cutting issue of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, because cash transfer systems play an important role in shock-responsive social protection systems, that are needed to cope with extreme weather events whose frequency is increased by climate change.

It is also consistent with Bank's objective of providing technical cooperation funds to support the reform of social protection systems, with an emphasis on small countries and the Caribbean.

What is the estimated funding that you need in order to implement this proposal?

180000

Select the expected outputs of this proposal

Policy Dialogues

Events (other than policy dialogues)

Knowledge Products

Please provide a brief description of the output(s) selected above (The number of units planned, and the estimated cost). If you selected others, please specify.

One policy brief with recommendations on how to strengthen systems of cash transfer programs in English Speaking and Caribbean countries. The policy brief will include a critical analysis of these systems as they were before the COVID-19 crisis, an analysis of the response to the COVID-19 crisis, and recommendations for future reform. It will also include a discussion of how these systems can be used in response to climate change (to protect those who suffer the damages of climate change, to incentivize the preparedness, and to protect biodiversity). It will also analyze how these systems can be strengthened with links with active labor market policies (such as Steps-to-Work and on-the-job training in Jamaica), to increase the likelihood of exit from poverty.

Two virtual workshops, that will focus on the experience with cash transfers during the COVID-19 crisis, and the lesson learned for future reform.

One in-person policy dialogue, which will focus on the recommendations provided by the policy brief for future reform of cash transfer programs and systems, their increased relevance due to climate change, and links with active labor market policies.

Outcomes: If the outputs are delivered successfully, what is the change expected (in capacity, knowledge, behavior, etc.)

Participating countries share experience with cash transfer design and implementation, and count on implementable guidelines for their reform.

(1) Attachments

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