



Background

This global research project on **Shock-Responsive Social Protection Systems**, 2015–17, is funded by the UK Department for International Development's (DFID's) Humanitarian Innovation and Evidence Programme (HIEP). It is led by Oxford Policy Management (OPM), in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) and INASP. The study aims to strengthen the evidence base as to when and how social protection systems can better scale up in response to shocks in low-income countries and fragile and conflict-affected states (FCAS), thus minimising the negative impacts of shocks and reducing the need for separate humanitarian responses.

Research question

The key research question is, **'What factors enable social protection systems to be responsive to shocks and to deliver effective shock response?'**

Two distinct but related themes underpin this project. First is an exploration of the features of social protection systems that might facilitate or impede an effective response to shocks. Second is the intersection between social protection, humanitarian interventions and disaster risk management, and the opportunities for improving coordination between these sectors.

We are exploring these issues through a series of six case studies: three in-depth studies in Mali, Mozambique and Pakistan, two lighter reviews in Lesotho and the Philippines, and a light study of regionwide initiatives in the Sahel. These are accompanied by a detailed literature review of global, regional and national interventions, extensive qualitative interviews with key informants, and numerous consultation workshops and events.

Results of the research

A number of publicly available outputs will be produced over the course of the research, including the case studies and a toolkit on shock-responsive social protection. So far, a working paper conceptualising shock-responsive social protection and the literature review are available on the web page cited below.

Contact the research team

The research team welcomes news of any relevant interventions or related studies being undertaken. We would be happy to include information from these in our research. Do also contact us if you have any questions about the research programme, or if you would like to join our mailing list to receive quarterly communications about the project findings.

Please contact the project manager, Clare O'Brien of OPM, at clare.obrien@opml.co.uk for any further information.

You can also follow the news of the project on Twitter using the hashtag [#shockresponsiveSP](https://twitter.com/shockresponsiveSP), and on the project web page at <http://www.opml.co.uk/projects/shock-responsive-social-protection-systems>.



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