



Child Protection in Crisis

Network for Research, Learning & Action

CPC Livelihoods/Economic Strengthening Task Force members and friends,

Thanks for all your feedback and inputs the last few months. I'm delighted to present a number of new Task Force products, updates and external resources on themes related to livelihood/ES and child protection.

What the Task Force is working on:

- Baseline data collection on children in households benefiting from a forthcoming economic intervention in South Kivu, DRC
- An interagency package of findings, program guidance and advocacy messages around maximizing benefits and minimizing harm to children in all types of economic strengthening interventions
- An interagency paper and launch event on the potential of ES programming to reduce risk of GBV for adolescent girls in emergency settings
- An advocacy strategy to ensure that a select number of major global ES actors begin to incorporate child protection and well-being indicators in M&E

We will solicit your feedback on the drafts emerging from these projects ASAP.

New Task Force products:

- [Livelihoods, Economic Strengthening, Child Protection and Well-Being in Western Uganda: Final Report](#), by Benjamin Katz, Josh Chaffin, Inbal Alon and Alastair Ager. This study in Western Uganda tried to determine the links between household income/assets and the protection and well-being of children. We also explored if and how economic interventions for caregivers could improve the lives of the children in their care, without doing inadvertent harm. Armed with answers to these questions, governments, NGOs and donors should be able to make better funding and programming decisions.
- We were thrilled to collaborate with Save the Children and the Cash Learning Project (CaLP) on two important new resources for child protection in emergency Cash Transfer programs:
 - [What Cash Transfer Programming can do to Protect Children: Discussion Paper](#) Examines the links between cash transfers and the positive and negative outcomes for children, in particular the role cash transfers have played in protecting children from harm, exploitation, abuse and violence.
 - [Child Safeguarding in Cash Transfer Programming Tool](#) Provides personnel using Cash Transfer Programming with advice on the child protection issues to consider during preparation, planning, implementation and monitoring.

As always, the [Task Force website](#) includes these and other resources.

Other CPC Research:

Two articles were recently published in the [Journal of Adolescent Health](#) co-authored by CPC faculty affiliate Dr. Fred Ssewamala. We are delighted that Dr. Ssewamala has agreed to take on a central role in helping CPC to move forward the Center of Excellence for the Study of the African Child in Uganda.

- **The Impact of a Comprehensive Microfinance Intervention on Depression Levels of AIDS-Orphaned Children in Uganda** (attached) Finds that incorporating poverty alleviation-focused approaches, such as this comprehensive microfinance intervention, has the potential to improve psychosocial functioning of these children.
- **Family Support as a Mediator of Change in Sexual Risk-Taking Attitudes Among Orphaned Adolescents in Rural Uganda** (attached) Finds that a family-based economic empowerment intervention may have the potential to increase family support to orphaned adolescents. Strengthening social networks and improving connectedness with surviving family members may be critical in preventing sexual risk-taking behavior.

Other news and resources:

- [Cash or Condition? Evidence from a Randomized Cash Transfer Program](#), by Sarah Baird and Berk Özler, [Quarterly Journal of Economics](#). Using data from an intervention in Malawi that featured randomized conditional and unconditional treatment arms, the authors find that the program reduced the dropout rate by more than 40 percent and substantially increased regular school attendance among the target population of adolescent girls.
- ODI and the Oak Foundation have joined forces to build a network to drive global research on issues of poverty and child protection in development contexts—a natural complement to the work of the Task Force in emergency contexts. Presentations from their inaugural event are archived at [Linking action on poverty and child protection: What do we know? What are the gaps?](#)
- The Global Partnership for Youth Employment's [Measuring Success of Youth Livelihood Interventions](#) offers an accessible introduction to the topic of monitoring and evaluation and to its practical application in the youth livelihood field.
- [Improving Gender Equality in Youth Livelihood Programs](#) Shares lessons from the International Youth Foundation's global livelihood programs about how practitioners can tailor programs to overcome structural limits on young men and women in livelihood programs.

Thanks to everyone who shared items for the newsletter.

Kind regards,

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