



Dear Members of the Anglophone and Lusophone Community of Practice of Cash Transfers in Africa,

The Community of Practice of Cash Transfers in Africa (CoP) Steering Committee (CS) Members together with the UNICEF/WB Facilitation Team wish to extend you all our greetings; we trust our email finds you all well and safe, despite the difficult times.

In these hard times, our Community is particularly important to share knowledge and find common intervention strategies to contain the COVID effects. It is therefore very important to keep engaged and continue the momentum of the CoP: on our side, we have been working on keeping our Community alive, and adapting to a virtual format as a result of COVID. We hosted our first **CoP WEBINAR “Government social protection responses to COVID-19 in SSA”** on Zoom on September 16th, 2020 at 12:30 WAT/3:30 EAT. We had three wonderful panelists from the Governments of Ghana, Rwanda and Gambia who delivered excellent and compelling presentations about their countries’ responses to COVID-19. All the presentations, as well as the registration of the event, can be found on our [Community of Practice page](#), kindly hosted by our colleagues at socialprotection.org.

We are currently organizing a second WEBINAR and we look forward to your active participation!

**WEBINAR II – Government Social Protection Responses to COVID-19 in SSA: Expansion of cash transfer programs during COVID
PLEASE SEND US POSITIVE EXAMPLES FROM YOUR COUNTRIES**

As you know, more recent efforts have concentrated on strengthening the proactive and meaningful participation of CoP members. In this light, we are organizing our second **online conversation to showcase inspiring ways in which countries have responded to COVID outbreak**. During the event, Governments from African countries will discuss their response to COVID-19. The theme for this Webinar’s presentation is the expansion of cash transfer programs during COVID. Presentation will focus on (i) identification and selection of new beneficiaries and (ii) inclusion of “new groups”.

If you would like to showcase positive examples from your Country, please reach out to our Facilitation Team by October 28th with a concrete example of what you would like to showcase. To express your interest, please send an email to Giulia (gparzani@worldbank.org) and Tayllor (trspadafora@unicef.org).

The SC and the FT will select best cases and will support your Country in the preparation of the presentation.

The Webinar will be hosted **on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 –
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**
(more details to follow).

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