

## **Update on recent events of the Africa Cash Transfers (Anglophone/Lusophone) Community of Practice (October 2020)**

### **Review of the activities:**

We had our first 'Coved-adapted' CoP meeting on 16 September as a Zoom Webinar. The meeting featured a presentation by the current Steering Committee to CoP members on the Steering Committee roles, responsibilities and rotation – with a view to opening the Steering Committee to new membership. The Steering Committee asked for interested countries to submit their nominations, and we are in the process of collecting interest from member countries to join the SC.

The core of the meeting was a Panel discussion on the social protection response to COVID-19 from the Governments of African Countries. The discussion started with presentation from Rwanda, Ghana and The Gambia. Each of the three country presented their social protection response to COVID-19.

Using the Zoom platform, we were able to provide translation in both Portuguese and French which allowed for our Lusophone countries to properly engage and opened the door for more cross-collaboration with the Francophone CoP member countries. We received very positive feedback from member countries, including enthusiastic feedback from several of the Francophone CoP member countries. We had 50+ participants.

The team prepared a meeting agenda and presentations, which have also been made available on our [Community of Practice page](#), hosted by socialprotection.org.

Collaboration with UNICEF is going well, and teams have been working well together.

The collaboration with the Francophone CoP has been brought forward thanks to a continuous engagement: the two CoPs have been discussing opportunities for collaboration going forward, including analytical work on the SP COVID response in Africa and joined virtual activities.

### **Specific Activities Breakdown: Support the virtual meeting of CoP members**

#### **Logistics and planning od the event:**

- I supported the organization and documentation of video conferences meetings between the Steering Committee members and the facilitation team leading up to the virtual meeting of CoP members;
- In consultation with the CoP facilitation team and the CoP Steering Committee, I collected the focal points for each country to facilitate the communication with each country;
- I supported the organization of the first 'Coved-adapted' CoP meeting on 16 September as a Zoom Webinar
- I send the invitation to government representatives, as well as WB TTLs and UNICEF Co. In addition, I liaised with country team to collect participations and support the logistics of the event;

- I prepared the documents necessary for the virtual meetings. I drafted the agenda, the presentation outline, the invitation.
- I supported the translation process;
- I supported the preparation of the agenda for the event, identified relevant speakers from relevant countries (Ghana, Rwanda and Gambia) and ensured their availability and coordinated with them on the logistic details; I provided guidance to the speakers on the presentations for their session as agreed with the facilitation team and the SC;