



## **Social Protection and the Humanitarian-Development Nexus**

Side event on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board

Wednesday, 28 November 2018, 08:30–09:45

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### **Context**

'Linking humanitarian and development action through social protection' has become an important topic on the global agenda since the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) and in the context of the double and triple nexus. Major global actors expect an active contribution by the World Food Programme (WFP).

The side event will highlight the relevance of social protection to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 and 'the nexus' and the significant strategic and operational contributions being made by WFP. The side event will focus on recent contributions made in partnership with the World Bank, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Governments of Mali and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Social protection is a pillar of the global Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2018 between WFP and the World Bank, reflecting a global-level social protection partnership underway since late 2016. The World Bank will explain why social protection has become so prominent on global humanitarian and development agendas, emerging as a key 'bridge'; and introduce a new publication co-authored by World Bank and WFP, 'Human(itarian) Capital? Lessons on Better Connecting Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection'. The World Bank will describe how the partnership with WFP adds value to national social protection agendas and the vision for the WFP/World Bank partnership in the future.

BMZ will provide a regional perspective on the topic, explaining why social protection is critical to advancing food security, development and stability in the Sahel. BMZ will explain how investments in social protection and resilience in the Sahel are designed to improve the sustainability of support to vulnerable populations, strengthen household resilience, and address root causes of poverty rather than the symptoms. BMZ will share its perspective on how WFP contributes to the task of ensuring effective social protection in the Sahel.

WFP has collaborated with multiple partners in Mali to ensure effective social protection for populations in conflict-affected parts of the country, including leading an inter-agency effort to establish guidelines for actors providing transfers and basic services in areas not directly controlled by the Government. WFP Mali will explain how resilience and social protection interventions are linked in Mali and share a perspective on the connection between social protection and peace.

The Government of Mali will provide a country perspective on social protection and social cohesion, highlighting Mali's commitment to solidarity and social inclusion. The Government will also share WFP's role and value as a partner, particularly during the past several years in which parts of the country have been affected by conflict.

## Objectives

The objective of the event is to increase understanding by Executive Board members of WFP's work on social protection and current priorities vis-à-vis 'the nexus'.

The event will:

- Explain why social protection has emerged as a key 'bridge' between humanitarian and development action, and share emerging insights about its relevance to peace;
- Introduce a new WFP/World Bank publication, 'Human(itarian) Capital? Lessons on Better Connecting Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection';
- Share a key country experience in linking humanitarian assistance, social protection and resilience;
- Provide different perspectives on WFP's role and value as a partner in social protection.

## Agenda

The event will be hosted by Ms Denise Brown, Director of Policy and Programme Division, WFP.

8:30-8:35	Introduction of topic
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8:40-8:50	Remarks by Mr Steen Jorgensen, Director of Social Protection and Jobs Practice, World Bank
8:50-9:00	Remarks by Dr Ralf Schröder, Head of Division for "Crisis management, transitional development assistance, reconstruction, infrastructure in crisis situations", German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
9:00-9:10	Remarks by Ms Silvia Caruso, WFP Country Director, Mali
9:10-9:20	Remarks by Ms Traore Halimatou Kone, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mali
9:20-9:35	Moderated Q&A
9:35-9:45	Summary and closing by Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director, Operations Services Department