UNICEF Social Protection Training 2009 Reading list

Theme 1- Building a Knowledge base

Monday 13th July
Morning Session: Developing a knowledge Base
Core reading:


Further reading:

Afternoon Session: Objectives of social protection in relation to child poverty, risk, vulnerability and growth


Tuesday 14th July
Morning Session- Overview of major social protection programmes, policies and frameworks and Appropriateness of current approaches
Core reading:


- Asset Thresholds and Social Protection: A “Think-Piece” ’Michael R. Carter and Christopher B. Barrett
- ’Comment on Poverty Traps and Social Protection Policy’ Stefan Dercon
- ’Asset Thresholds and Social Protection: A Reply to Dercon’ Michael R. Carter and Christopher B. Barrett

Afternoon session: Social Protection and Climate Change/ Social protection in emergencies
Core reading:
Mark Davies, Katy Oswald, Tom Mitchell and Thomas Tanner ‘Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection’ Briefing Note Centre for Social Protection and Climate Change and Development Centre, Institute of Development Studies

‘Children, climate change and disasters’ ELDIS / Children in a Changing Climate Key Issues Guide Contains abstracted summaries and links to further reading, including:

Theme 2: Design and Implementation of Social Protection Programmes for Children

Wednesday 15th July
Morning session: Designing child centred social protection interventions overview
Core reading:
Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006 Chapters 1, 2).


Afternoon Session: Designing child centred social protection interventions - choice of instruments and delivery mechanisms
Core reading:

Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006[Chapters 3 (particularly section 3.3.6) and Chapter 4].


Afternoon session: Social Protection and Food Security
Core reading:


Thursday 16th July
Morning Session: Implementation Guidelines
Core reading:
Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006 [Chapters 3, 4 and 6].

Further Reading;

Afternoon session: Monitoring and Evaluation
Core reading:
Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006 [Chapter 7].

Further Reading;
Afternoon session: Targeting

Core reading:
Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006 [Chapters 2 and 3].


Further reading:


Evening Session: Financial Crisis (Neil McCulloch)

Dennis Pain, 26 March 2009 UNICEF Staff Conference, Montreux ‘Protecting the poorest: A global response to a global crisis’ Social Policy and Economic Analysis Unit, PAKM


Voices from the South

InFocus Policy Briefings on Financial Crisis

Friday 17th July

Morning Session: Affordability and financing social protection

Core reading:


Further Reading:


Afternoon Session: Pilots, Scaling up and social protection

Core reading:

Samson, M Igrid van Niekerk, and Kenneth MacQuene, 2006 Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes, EPRI Press, South Africa 2006 [Chapter 6].

Further reading:

Monday 20th July
Morning session: Politics of Social protection
Core reading:


Further reading
Peter Townsend presentation: International child benefit as a priority.


Tuesday 21st July
Morning session: Wellbeing
Core readings:

Further Readings:
Nicola Jones and Andy Sumner Does Mixed Methods Research Matter to Understanding Childhood Well-Being? WeD40 December 2007

Afternoon Session: Influencing
Core readings:

Further Readings:

Morning Session: Developing a comprehensive framework for social protection: review of transformative social protection
Core reading


• ‘Social Protection for Transformation' Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and Stephen Devereux
• Whose (Transformative) Reality Counts? A Reply to Aoo et al. Stephen Devereux and Rachel Sabates-Wheeler


Further Reading:

• 'A Universal Social Minimum as a Foundation for Citizenship' Koy Thomson
• 'A Universal Social Minimum: A Recipe for Social Justice or "Apple Pie in the Sky"?' Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and Stephen Devereux
• 'A Universal Social Minimum - Half-baked "Apple Pie in the Sky"?: A Reply to Sabates-Wheeler and Devereux' Koy Thomson

Morning Session: Strategy 1: Strategies to tailor social protection to the needs of marginalised children
Core reading:


Afternoon Session: Strategy 2: Reaching out: social protection voice and recognition
Core reading:

Mainstreaming Gender in Social Protection for the Informal Economy, London: Commonwealth Secretariat Part 1
Mainstreaming Gender in Social Protection for the Informal Economy, London: Commonwealth Secretariat Part 2
Mainstreaming Gender in Social Protection for the Informal Economy, London: Commonwealth Secretariat Part 3

Wednesday 22nd July
Morning session: Child Labour and Gender
Core reading:

Further reading:

Morning Session: HIV/ AIDS
Core reading
Maia Green, 2005 Strengthening national responses to children affected by HIV/aids: what is the role of the state and social welfare in Africa?, Background paper for Wilton Park Conference

Further reading
Stuart Gillespie, Amy Norman, Betsy Finley, IFPR, 2005 Child Vulnerability and HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa: What We Know and What Can Be Done.

UNAIDS Best Practice, 1999 Reducing Girls' Vulnerability to HIV/AIDS: The Thai approach


Barker, G.; Girard, F. / Population Council, USA, 2003 My father didn't think this way: Nigerian boys contemplate gender equality

Afternoon Session: Social Protection and services
Core reading:

Further reading:
Katie Chapman 2006 Using Social Transfers to Scale up Equitable Access to Education and Health Services Background paper, DFID. Scaling up services team, DFID policy division
