



“Bridging the SDGs to optimise  
health-related social  
protection”

2-3 DECEMBER 2020



02 DECEMBER - TIME (CET)



SESSION 1 Welcome/Opening

14.00-14.15 Opening statements (Ghana Ministry Official; WHO; ILO)

14.15-14.45 Introduction to SPARKS and meeting objectives agenda (Knut Lonnroth, Karolinska Institutet; Delia Boccia, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

SESSION 2 Health-related social protection in the SDGs

14.50-15.05 SDG3 - UHC through Social Health Protection: achievements and gaps (WHO)

15.05-15.20 SDG1 - Income security along the life cycle and its relevance in times of ill health (Christina Behrendt, Head of Social Policy, Social Protection Department, ILO)

15.20-15.35 BREAK

15.35-15.50 SDG 2 - Nutrition and food security as part of social protection (World Food program)

15.50-16.05 SDG8 - Workers' rights to social health protection as part of Decent Work (TBD)

16.10-16.40 Panel discussion: How to optimize inter-sectoral action (including multi-sectoral accountability framework for TB)? (All presenters)

16.40-16.50 CLOSING

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Selected Poster Session

SESSION 3 Evidence on the need for social protection in times of ill health

14.00-14.05 Recap of first day

14.05-14.20 Social Protection Programmes: economic strengthening and pathways to improved health (Tia Palermo and Clement Adamba)

14.20-14.35 Towards zero catastrophic costs due to TB: using national TB patient cost surveys to advance social protection and care (Nobu Nishikiori, Global TB Programme, WHO)

14.35-14.50 Social protection to enhance TB care and reduce poverty effects: State of the art (Tom Wingfield, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

14.55-15.10 Social protection during pandemics – lessons from Covid-19 (TBD)

15.10-15.40 Panel discussion

15.40-15.55 BREAK

SESSION 4: Implementation challenges and opportunities

15.55-16.55 Country experiences of linking health and social sectors for improved social protection in times of ill health (UNICEF and country representatives)

17.00-17.30 Panel discussion

17.30-17.45 CLOSING

## ABOUT SPARKS

Health and **S**ocial **P**rotection **A**ction **R**esearch & **K**nowledge **S**haring (SPARKS) is an international interdisciplinary research network, a network that moves beyond TB, using TB as a tracer for poverty-related diseases with prominent social determinants and consequences. SPARKS Network Members are located all over the world and come from 22 different countries and 27 organisations.



## SPARKS MISSION

- Strengthen prevention and reduce population vulnerability towards poverty-related diseases
- Enhance better and more equitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care
- Mitigate the negative financial and societal consequences of illness

## SPARKS AIMS

- Generate evidence on the impact, feasibility, acceptability, cost-effectiveness and sustainability of different social protection schemes on poverty-related disease prevention, health care access and mitigation of financial and social consequences of disease.
- Develop metrics, methods and generic protocols for needs assessment, intervention research and monitoring.
- Document socioeconomic barriers to health care, as well as socioeconomic consequences of ill health and related health care use, for patients and households.
- Map social protection platforms and their existing links to the health care sector in order to identify promising intervention entry points.
- Collate and synthesise scientific evidence and tacit knowledge to help drive policy changes.



## WORKING GROUPS

### Intervention Research Group

Conduct formative studies, designing and implementation of social protection interventions and evaluation of interventions.

### Social Protection Mapping Group

Identify and disseminate existing social protection mapping results from TB and non-TB partners in highburden countries, including development of a common platform for updating and sharing mapping results.

### Patient Cost Survey Group

Promotion and design implementation of patient cost surveys. Advance methodological discussions amongst experts.

### Systematic Review Group

Identify a list of priority research questions that can be tackled through systematic reviews and meta-analysis by independent teams of researchers working under the same research framework.

### Beyond TB Group

Initiate the expansion of the SPARKS network beyond TB related research. Assess the access barriers to social protection and fundamental needs for other conditions (starting with non-communicable diseases).

