



Health and Social Protection Action Research & Knowledge Sharing
Network (SPARKS) Conference 2020

Bridging the SDGs to Optimise Health-related Social protection

Virtual Conference

2-3 December 2020

All times listed below are CET (Geneva)

Objectives:

- To review the interlinkage between health-related social protection and universal health coverage (UHC), examine health-related social protection in the SDGs, and explore ways for stronger intersectoral action.
- To share the experiences and results from the first four years of SPARKS and other similar research to identify lessons learned for broader work on health-related social protection and opportunities for scaling-up.
- To share country experiences of implementing and scaling up integrated action on social protection and UHC and identify lessons learned.

DAY 1: 02 December - Virtual Session

Times Listed in CET (Geneva)	Session	Speaker
Session 1: Welcome and Opening		
14:00 -14:10	<i>Welcome by Chairs: Delia Boccia, Assistant Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, SPARKS Secretariat Tereza Kasaeva, Director of the Global TB Programme, WHO</i>	
14.10- 14.30	<p><u>Opening statements:</u> The need to strengthen social protection, within and beyond universal health coverage, and the role for research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Patrick Kuma-Aboagye</i>, Director-General of the Ghana Health Service, Ghana ● <i>Phumeza Tisile</i>, TBPROOF Advocacy Officer and XDR-TB Survivor, South Africa ● <i>Ren Minghui</i>, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases, World Health Organization (WHO) ● <i>Valérie Schmitt</i>, Deputy Director of the Social Protection Department, the International Labor Organization (ILO)
14.30- 14.50	Health-related social protection: Overview, examples, research themes and conference objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Knut Lönnroth</i>, Professor, Karolinska Institutet, SPARKS Secretariat
14.50-14.55	Session conclusions by Chairs	
14.55- 15.00	Stretch session	
<p>Session 2: Health-related social protection in the SDGs Chairs: Diana Weil, Sr Adviser, Strategic Action for Small Island Developing States, WHO David Chipanta, Sr Advisor for Social Protection,UNAIDS</p>		

15.00 – 15.10	<i>Session introduction by Chairs</i> Vinayak Bhardwaj , Regional Migration Advisor for Southern African, Doctors Without Borders (MSF)	
15.10- 15.25	2.1 SDG3 – UHC through Social health protection: achievements and gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Joseph Kutzin</i>, Unit Head, Health Financing, WHO
15.25- 15.40	2.2 SDG1 – Income security along the life cycle and its relevance in times of ill health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Christina Behrendt</i>, Head of Social Policy, Social Protection Department, ILO
15.40- 15.50	<i>Stretch session</i>	
15.50- 16.10	2.3 SDG2 Social protection, food security, and nutrition The impact of achieving SDG2 on TB and HIV – Implications for World Food Programme’s operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Essa Chanie Mussa</i>, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Gondar, Ethiopia ● <i>Allison Oman Lawi</i>, Director of Nutrition, World Food Programme
16.10-16.25	2.4 SDG8 - Social health protection as part of Decent Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Noel Binag</i>, Executive Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Center, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines
16.25- 16.40	2.5 Social Protection as a driver for the SDGs: Pakistan’s Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sania Nishtar</i>, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Pakistan
16.40- 16.55	2.6 Q&A: How to operationalize intersectoral action?	
16.55- 17.00	Closing	Chairs

DAY 2: 03 December - Virtual Session

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	Turbo Talks	
	Chair: Delia Boccia , Assistant Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, SPARKS Secretariat	
13.30- 13.35	Referral Systems between Health Care Services and Social Protection Services in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A scoping review.	<i>Salla Atkins</i> , Tampere University
13.35-13.40	Evaluating cost-effective combinations of social protection using observational data: A methodological framework and appraisal of assumptions	<i>William Rudgard</i> , University of Oxford.
13.40-13.45	The burden of TB and access to social protection for TB patients in South Africa. A qualitative study	<i>Lieve Vanleeuw</i> , South African Medical Research Council
13.45-13.50	Economic recovery following treatment for pulmonary TB - results from a multi-country observational cohort study in sub-Saharan Africa	<i>Denise Evans</i> , Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office of the University of the Witwatersrand.
13.50-13.55	Effects of a 'cash plus' adolescent-focused health and livelihood intervention on mental health: evidence from a cluster-randomized control trial	<i>Leah Prencipe</i> , Erasmus MC University Medical Centre Rotterdam
13.55-14.00	The disability-differential impact of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Program on acute illness among children	<i>Hannah Silverstein</i> , University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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<p align="center">Session 3: Evidence on the need for social protection in times of ill health</p> <p align="center">Chairs: Corinne Merle, Scientist, Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases (TDR)</p> <p align="center">Debora Pedrazzoli, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, SPARKS Secretariat</p> <p align="center">Mauro Sanchez, Associate Professor, Federal University of Brasilia, Brazil</p>		
14.00- 14.10	Setting the stage for Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Delia Boccia</i>, Associate Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, SPARKS Secretariat ● <i>Fatima Karmadwala</i>, XDR-TB Survivor and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine Student
14.10- 14.25	3.1 Social Protection Programmes: economic strengthening and pathways to improved health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tia Palermo</i>, Associate Professor, University at Buffalo, USA ● <i>Clement Adamba</i>, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana - Legon
14.25- 14.40	3.2 Towards zero catastrophic costs due to TB: using national TB patient cost surveys to advance social protection and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Nobu Nishikiori</i>, Global TB Programme, WHO
14.40- 14.55	3.3 Social protection interventions to mitigate catastrophic costs and improve TB outcomes of TB-affected households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tom Wingfield</i>, Senior Clinical Lecturer at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK
14.55- 15.00	Stretch session	
15.00- 15.15	3.4 The role of sickness benefits during pandemics – lessons from Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Marielle Phe Goursat</i>, Chief Technical Adviser, ILO
15.15- 15.50	3.5 Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All presenters from Session 3

15.50- 16.05	Stretch session	
Session 4: Implementation challenges and opportunities Chairs: Lou Tessier , Health Protection Specialist, Social Protection Department, ILO Geneva Priya Shete , Associate Professor, University of California, San Francisco USA		
16.05- 16.10	Session introduction by Chairs	
16.10- 16.30	4.1 Country experiences of linking health and social sectors for improved social protection in times of ill health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Natalia Winder Rossi</i>, Associate Director, Social Policy, UNICEF - LIVE ● <i>Htet Nay Lin Oo</i>, Focal Point for P4H, Myanmar - LIVE
16.30- 16.45	4.2 Panel/ Facilitated Q&A session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All presenters from Session 4
16.45-16.50	Stretch session: Live Musical Performance by Nazeem, Singer-Songwriter, Gambia	
16.50- 17.10	Cont 4.1 Country experiences of linking health and social sectors for improved social protection in times of ill health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Assoumane Mainassara</i>, Director of Prospective at the Ministry of Planning, Niger - VIDEO with subtitles ● <i>Gunnel Hensing</i>, Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden - LIVE
17.10-17.30	Facilitated Q&A session and wrap up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Session 4 chairs and <i>Gunnel</i>
17.30- 17.45	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>John Reeder</i>, Director of TDR and Director, Department of Research for Health, WHO ● <i>Knut Lönnroth</i>, Professor, KI and SPARKS Secretariat