



## SPOTLIGHT ON ORGANISATIONS: CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS

Latin American countries pioneered the use of Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) to achieve important impacts in human development indicators. The following selection highlights key Latin American and international organisations working on CCT design, implementation, and evaluation, focusing on the resources they offer to development actors from other regions.

### ► Social Protection Programme of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Link: <http://www.ifpri.org/book-7765/ourwork/researcharea/social-protection>

**Areas of expertise:** Social protection, safety nets, CCTs, poverty

**Key activities:** Policy research, programme and policy evaluation

As part of the IFPRI – a research organisation focusing on hunger and poverty – the Social Protection Programme focuses exclusively on evaluating the impact of social protection policies, from safety nets and food assistance, to livelihoods, and includes a large portfolio of research on CCTs. Its research and publications, available online, will be useful for researchers and policymakers in Africa and South Asia as they create CCT design, implementation, and evaluation processes.



## ► Mexican Government *Oportunidades* Programme

Link: <http://www.oportunidades.gob.mx/Portal/wb/Web/english>

**Areas of expertise:** CCTs

**Key activities:** CCT programme implementation, evaluation, diffusion of results

*Oportunidades* (Opportunities), previously called *Progresa* (Progress), was the first CCT programme implemented in the world. In operation since 1997, it has achieved remarkable successes in education, health, nutrition, and poverty more generally, by conditioning receipt of cash transfers on school enrolment and attendance, and accessing preventive and curative health visits. As a pioneer CCT programme, its approach and results have been widely analysed. The website provides readers with detailed information about the Mexican case that will be useful for comparing and adapting CCTs to their own context, including some publications in English.

## ► Social Protection Unit of The World Bank

Link: <http://go.worldbank.org/IFOHJJAPD0>

**Areas of expertise:** Social policies, disability, labour, pensions, safety nets, CCTs

**Key activities:** Research, policy and programme evaluation, technical assistance

This area of the World Bank Group focuses on social policies and assistance programmes for vulnerable groups, and includes a strong focus on CCTs. It supports the World Bank in its work with developing countries in these areas and also offers public access to its research and analysis. The website provides links to evaluations, information about World Bank projects, a newsletter, and practical resources like toolkits and guides, including a wealth of resources on its '[Safety Nets Primer](#)' link, all of which are useful for policymakers and researchers alike.

## ► Chile Solidario

Link: [http://www.chilesolidario.gob.cl/en/chs\\_en.php](http://www.chilesolidario.gob.cl/en/chs_en.php)

**Areas of expertise:** CCTs, social policy

**Key activities:** CCT implementation and evaluation

In place since 2002, *Chile Solidario* (Solidarity Chile) is the Chilean government's CCT programme. It has achieved excellent results, targeting families with higher poverty and vulnerability levels to make sure that the CCT reaches those most in need, and accomplishing its goals in terms of education, health, and nutrition. It provides another example of a well-developed CCT programme and shows, using evidence-based research, the potential effects that CCTs could have in reducing poverty and improving human development indicators.

## ► Social Protection and Cash Transfers Programme of The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)

Link: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/pages/newsite/menu/socialprotection/whysocialprotection.jsp?active=3>

**Areas of expertise:** Social protection policies

**Key activities:** Research, programme evaluation

Highlighting the importance of social protection policies and especially of CCTs, the IPC-IG Social Protection and Cash Transfers Programme provides readers with valuable and updated research and impact evaluations on the subject. Readers can also listen to original interviews with experts, and access a detailed list of current CCT programmes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.



## ► The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) South-South Learning on Social Protection

Link: <http://south-south.ipc-undp.org/regions-and-countries>

**Areas of expertise:** Social protection, South-South cooperation

**Key activities:** Knowledge sharing

This UNDP programme aims to make available information about the variety of public policies on social protection (SP), including CCTs, implemented in developing countries, with a special focus on Latin America, Africa and Asia, and to more generally motivate knowledge sharing amongst the global South. On their website, policymakers, researchers and practitioners can find useful introductions to each country's different SP policies, including detailed descriptions and in-depth resources about CCTs. They also publish news, multimedia resources, and discussion forums, and offer the possibility to register in their Social Protection Expert Roster, which aims to enhance communication between specialists all over the world.

## ► The Social Protection Programme of The Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Link: <http://www.odi.org.uk/work/programmes/social-protection/default.asp>

**Areas of expertise:** Social protection

**Key activities:** Research, design, implementation

This ODI programme offers a comprehensive and easy-to-search collection of research, projects, and cases studies, with a large proportion directly addressing CCT programmes. Additionally, readers can find a list of social policy-related events and other knowledge tools. The publications and resources available on their website will be useful to policymakers and practitioners as they design and implement CCTs in their own contexts.

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