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Latest Publications

Cash Transfers and Social Protection

Title: Targeted Cash Transfer Programmes in Brazil: BPC and the Bolsa Familia

Authors: Marcelo Medeiros, Tatiana Britto and Fábio Veras Soares

Series: Working Paper # 46

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCWorkingPaper46.pdf>>

The authors describe several characteristics of the two most important targeted cash transfer programmes in Brazil: the Continuous Cash Benefit (BPC) and the Bolsa Familia. They find that the programs reduce poverty and inequality.

Economic Policies, MDGs and Poverty

Debate on Poverty Lines and Poverty Measurement:

Reddy, Ravallion and Pogge

Title: A Consistent Measure of Real Poverty: A Reply to Ravallion

Author: Thomas Pogge

Series: One Pager # 54

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager54.pdf>>

The author contributes to the lively debate on poverty measurement. He argues that a-dollar-a-day calculations are not sufficient to inform policy.

Title: Which Poverty Line? A Response to Reddy

Author: Martin Ravallion

Series: One Pager # 53

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager53.pdf>>

The author responds to a recent IPC One Pager. He reaffirms the importance of the "\$1 or \$2 a day" measurements in estimating poverty.

Title: Are Estimates of Poverty in Latin America Reliable?

Author: Sanjay Reddy

Series: One Pager # 52

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager52.pdf>>

This One Pager questions the validity of the 'one-dollar-a-day' and 'two-dollars-a-day' measurements of poverty in Latin America. Alternatively, the author argues, there are other methods that better capture the state of poverty.

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Research Programme on Economic Governance

Title: Equitable Access to Basic Utilities: Who will Guarantee it?

Author: Degol Hailu

Series: One Pager # 55

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager55.pdf>>

The author argues that the preconditions for successful utility service privatisation are high levels of initial access.

New Resources

Newsletter on the Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection.*

Featured topics: Social Protection in Ghana, Investing in Social Protection in Africa, related seminars and publications.

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* The IPC supports the Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection in partnership with the UK Department for International Development and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger. The Programme promotes South-South dialogue and the exchange of policy experiences through a wide array of working modalities, such as: technical assistance to four sub-Saharan African countries; resource sharing; dissemination of country experiences; and involvement of Brazil in advocacy panels.

Country Experiences with Cash Transfer Programmes

IPC is pleased to announce three new sections on its website where you will find information on country experiences with Cash Transfer Programmes in:

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Recent Events

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IPC Seminar: The Social Impact of Microfinance on Borrowers' Livelihoods: Developing a Conceptual Framework for its Assessment
Asad Ghalib (IPC), IPC meeting room

More information: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/events.htm>>

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Visit by representatives of the Economic Development Institute of Burundi (IDEC)* to IPC.

Deo Ngendakumana, Director of IDEC, Bujumbura - Burundi

* IDEC is a non-profit organisation mainly funded by the African Capacity Building Foundation. IDEC supports advanced trainings for Burundian researchers, government representatives and private sector entrepreneurs. IDEC also publishes and disseminates Policy Papers. IDEC's five research areas are: Macroeconomics; Governance and Institutional Development; Private Sector Development, Economic Integration and Trade Policies; Socioeconomic and Human Development; and Statistics.
Further information at: idec@cbinf.com.

Missions

May, 13-14: *Melissa Andrade* took part in the "Regional Experts Meeting on Social Protection: Investing in Social Protection in Africa" in Cairo, Egypt and made a presentation on the Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection. ■



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