

Cash Transfers: Session Guidance and Recommended Links

The “Cash Transfers” chapter of the Social Safety Net Primer Series (attached) should be reviewed by the workshop participants prior to the presentation on cash transfers scheduled for December 5, 2002 and the exercise session on December 6, 2002. Please also review the cash-transfers exercise prior to the afternoon session of December 6. The exercise will be completed during the December 6 session.

Recommended Links for Cash Transfer Materials and Contacts

The following web sites provide links to research, program descriptions, service providers, development agencies and program evaluations for a wide range of cash transfer programs:

<http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/safety/types.htm>

World Bank portal for social safety nets. Provides definitions of key terms, design principles, case studies and background readings. Site includes links to other information sources on the net.

<http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/socialprotection/index.html>

World Bank Institute Social Protection Web Site. This site provides information on social safety nets, labor markets, pensions and social protection in general. It combines training materials with background readings, links to key sites and information on World Bank Institute programs.

<http://www.ssa.gov/statistics/ssptw/1999/English/readme.html>

<http://www.ssa.gov/statistics/ssptw/2002/europe/index.html>

<http://www.issa.int/engl/homef.htm>

SSA, Social Security Programs Throughout the World. 1999 and 2001 Editions

The 2001 edition of Social Security Programs Throughout the World is published on the net for Europe, and other regions of the world will be published shortly. The 1999 version is available in PDF files. This provides a summary of the financing, coverage, eligibility requirements and legal basis for cash transfer and other social protection programs for some 126 countries around the world. This is prepared by the International Social Security Association. Their web site has regular publications, guidelines and databases on the status of social assistance and social insurance programs. The ISSA also maintains a listing of national social security agencies with their web site contacts.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/missoc2001/index_en.htm

MISSOC, *Social Protection in the EU Member States and its Evolution*, January 2001.

This provides a detailed survey of the various social protection measures in Europe, most of which are social insurance or social assistance cash transfers. The site also discusses the evolution of these programs over time. A useful annex on social protection for the self-employed is included. This summarizes Europe's experience in extending social protection coverage to those working in the informal sector.

<http://users.utu.fi/thepap/world3.htm>

International Social Policy Gateway

This site is a portal to organizations, data sources, academic journals, and training materials in the social policy area. It provides links to on-line databases and data sources, sites of major organisations, libraries, research institutes, publications, journals, documents and other educational material. It also provides access to information on research opportunities and funding. An added feature is the many links to web-based training and lecture materials in social policy.