

A CSW 63 SIDE EVENT

Leveraging cash transfers to reduce intimate partner violence at scale

Promise and potential from research around the globe

March 13 11:30-13:00

UN Women Conference Room 409-48

Featuring research from the Cash Transfer and Intimate Partner Violence Research Collaborative, the Prevention Collaborative and the International Rescue Committee.



Over **1.9 billion people benefit from social safety nets** around the world, however effects on intra-household dynamics and gender implications of large-scale programming is rarely rigorously evaluated. This side event will focus on growing evidence linking cash transfers to intimate partner violence in low- and middle-income countries. Research highlighted in the panel shows that **cash transfers have potential to reduce partner violence**, with women's economic and social empowerment serving as important pathways.

In addition to impacts, leading researchers on these topics will explore what we know about design variations, contextual factors, including humanitarian settings, and **how evidence can be used to understand program parameters** to be more gender-sensitive and transformative.

The evidence will be followed by a discussion by policymakers designing and implementing cash programming to understand how evidence has been used and how implementation can better account for gender dynamics. The event will have a forward-looking approach to understanding what gaps remain in research and implementation to leverage social safety nets for gender equality in the SDG era.

Co-Chairs

- **Dan Seymour** *Director*, UN Women Humanitarian Action and Crisis Response Office
- **Sarah Mshiu** *Senior Economist*, Prime Minister's Office, United Republic of Tanzania
- **Eva Johansson** *Lead Policy Advisor for Gender Equality*, Sida

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Agenda

Opening presentation *Intimate partner violence and cash transfers in low- and middle-income countries: What does the evidence say?*

- Lori Heise, Professor of Gender, Violence and Health at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) and Technical Director of the Prevention Collaborative

Case Study 1 *Government Anti-Poverty Programming, Women's Empowerment and Intimate Partner Violence in Ghana: Evidence from the Transfer Project*

- Tia Palermo, Senior Social Policy Specialist at the UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti and Transfer Project Principal Investigator

Case Study 2 *Transfers, Behavior Change Communication and Intimate Partner Violence: Post-program Evidence from Bangladesh*

- Shalini Roy, Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and leader of the “Social Protection Delivery and Outcomes” CGIAR research cluster

Final Presentation *Cash and Protection Research in Humanitarian Settings: A Conceptual Framework and Upcoming Priorities*

- Kathryn Falb, Senior Researcher, International Rescue Committee

Closing remarks & discussion *Hosts give remarks and lead discussion on evidence to action and gender sensitive programming in practice, including implications for impacts on gender equality and the future research agenda.*



RSVP

Space is limited, please RSVP no later than **11 March** to Yemarshet Sissay yemarshet.sissay@unwomen.org

Recording

For those unable to make the live session, the event will be recorded and available online. Check @TransferProject for a link closer to the event date.

Other

Light lunch and coffee will be provided.

Please allow 15 minutes to pass through security at UN Women.

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