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## Recent publications



### Stress Testing ASP in the Sahel | SASPP Flagship Report

In October, SASPP launched its flagship report on the state of adaptive social protection (ASP) systems in the Sahel. This report provides a comprehensive overview of key achievements, innovations, and recommendations for strengthening adaptive social protection systems in the Sahel. Building on sustained dialogue with the governments and partners, It assesses the ability of existing systems to respond to shocks across six countries — Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal — by applying the Social Protection Stress Test Tool, developed by the World Bank.

[Read the full report here](#) or [download the executive summary here.](#)



### Convergence in the Sahel: How to Link Humanitarian Cash Assistance and National Social Protection Systems | SASPP Policy Note Series

SASPP Policy Note #10 is available now. Based on a previous [Flagship Report](#), this new volume highlights the key enabling and constraining factors for harmonizing national social protection systems and humanitarian cash assistance in the Sahel. Convergence presents opportunities to better coordinate and align different humanitarian and development initiatives toward a shared national vision, especially during times of shock.

[Curious to learn more? Read the full policy note.](#)

## SASPP Technical Papers

### Diagnostic Report: Social Protection Payments in Burkina Faso

This recent SASPP Technical Paper provides a comprehensive diagnostic of the social payments environment in Burkina Faso. The report, funded by [GIZ](#) and produced in collaboration with [CGAP](#), is supporting the Burkinabe government's commitment to establishing the building blocks of an adaptive safety net system in the country.

[Download here in French.](#)

[And find here its related blog.](#)

### Determinants of Childhood Undernutrition in the Sahel

An examination of the determinants of childhood undernutrition in the Sahel. Informed by a study of nearly 37,000 children under five. This research uncovers key evidence to inform nutrition action and accelerate progress on this urgent issue. Findings suggest a need to direct additional policy attention towards improving maternal socioeconomic status and child health in the Sahel.

[Available in English here.](#)

### Seven Operational Lessons from Productive Inclusion in the Sahel

In this paper, authors identify successful strategies and actionable insights from four years of productive inclusion measures for social safety net beneficiaries in the Sahel. This paper aims to inform the design, implementation, and scaling up of national productive inclusion programs in the region. It also serves as a core resource for formulating the strategic direction of future programs.

[Available in French here.](#)

## Events

### Multicounty Technical Workshop on Social Registries | October 2–5



Photo: Senegal Gov., World Bank, WFP

In October, social registry experts convened to share key lessons and best practices from social registries in the region and around the world in a technical workshop. This dynamic forum provided an opportunity to understand the current state of social registries in participating countries as well as the challenges faced by governments. Held in Dakar, and organized by the Senegalese authorities, the World Bank, and WFP, with support from SASPP, the workshop was host to representatives from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte D'Ivoire, Haiti, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, WFP, the World Bank and UNICEF.

[Find all the presentations in this interactive PDF, available in French here.](#)

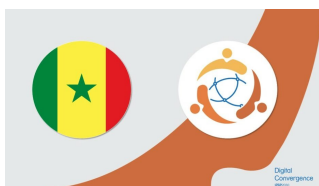


Photo: DCI

### 13th Webinar of the 'Talking Interoperability' Dialogue Series | Digital Convergence Initiative | November 7

The latest Digital Convergence Initiative (DCI) webinar, "Talking Interoperability", delved into the digital transformation journey of the social protection system in Senegal. Moderated by the World Bank, this insightful session showcased the government's social protection system and focused on the country's unique single

registry database (*Registre National Unique; RNU*), used by the government and partners to support the country's most vulnerable populations.

[You can watch the full recording here or download the presentation here.](#)

## Ajay Banga at the World Bank–IMF Annual Meetings, Marrakech, Morocco | October 13



Photo: World Bank YouTube

In his informative speech at the recent World Bank–IMF Annual Meetings, Ajay Banga addressed the World Bank's renewed commitment to invest in resilience and crisis response in the face of growing shocks, the value of adaptive systems, and the demand for productive inclusion in poverty reduction efforts.

[Watch the video or read the full remarks here.](#)

## Highlights



This new blog takes a close look at how digital payments in Mali are making accessing safety nets easier, faster, safer, and more cost-effective for participants in the Jigisimeri Program. This blog explores the benefits and impacts of digitalizing payments, based on a recent review of the pilot, supported by the G2Px Initiative.

[Check out the blog to find out more.](#)



SASPP has just released a compelling video exploring the Refugees and Host Communities Project, PARCA, supported by the World Bank and SASPP. As the fifth largest refugee-hosting country globally, the government of Chad is strengthening the capacity of refugees and Chadian host communities to prepare for, cope with, and adapt to climate events, economic shocks, and forced displacement.

[Watch it on our website, here.](#)

## Special section: Senegal



Photo: World Bank

## Impact Evaluation Report of Senegal's National Flagship Program: Programme National de Bourses de Sécurité Familiale

This recent impact evaluation report from the *Programme National de Bourses de Sécurité Familiale* (PNBSF) in Senegal is available now. The PNBSF is a safety net program established by the government in 2013 and implemented by the General Delegation for Social Protection and Solidarity (DGPSN). This impact report reveals the program's impacts on poverty reduction, household resilience to shocks, and productive inclusion.

[Read the full report, available in French here.](#)



Photo: World Bank

## Report on profile of the the Poorest Households in the Senegal Single National Registry

With support from SASPP and the World Bank, the government of Senegal has just released its profile report on households registered in the Single National Registry (*Registre National Unique; RNU*). Based on socio-economic data collected from more than 540,000 households over four years, it provides valuable insights into the characteristics of the poorest households in the country. Instruments like the RNU can be leveraged by a variety of programs to identify and reach the poorest and most vulnerable households.

[Read the full report here in French, or a summary here.](#)

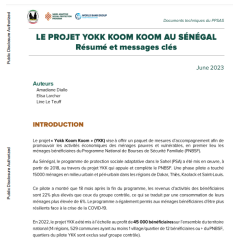


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## Yokk Koom Koom Program in Senegal: Summary and Key Messages | SASPP Technical Paper Series

This newly released SASPP Technical Paper provides a quick overview of the Yokk Koom Koom Program, including its organizational structure, key actors, and key beneficiary messages. It offers transferable insights for other productive inclusion programs.

[Find out more by reading the full technical paper, available in French here.](#)

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