Cash Transfers and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Low- and Middle-Income Settings

A Joint Research Agenda to Inform Policy and Practice

The Cash Transfer & IPV Research Collaborative and Innovations for Poverty Action, with input from the research and practice community

1. Motivation and Background

Over the last five years, there has been increasing interest from global stakeholders in the relationship between cash transfers and gender-based violence, and in particular, intimate partner violence (IPV). Interest has grown both within the development and humanitarian spaces, although empirical research is mainly concentrated in the former. A mixed-method review paper published in 2018 found that, across 22 quantitative or qualitative studies in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), the majority (73%) showed that cash decreased IPV; however, two studies showed mixed effects, and several others showed heterogenous impacts (Buller et al. 2018). A more recent meta-analysis of 14 experimental and quasi-experimental cash transfer studies found average decreases in physical/sexual IPV (4 percentage points (pp)), emotional IPV (2 pp) and controlling behaviors (4 pp) (Baranov et al. 2021). A feature of this literature is the high representation of evaluations from Latin America, primarily government conditional cash transfer programs. In addition, programming was generally focused on poverty-related objectives, and none of the programming was explicitly designed to affect IPV or violence outcomes more broadly.

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Since the time that literature was compiled for the aforementioned reviews, the number of papers examining the relationship between cash and IPV has nearly doubled. This second generation of studies involves increasingly complex designs that are able to unpack mechanisms (e.g. Lees et al. 2020 in Mali), examine the role of possible design features (e.g. WFP 2019 cross-country), disentangle effects of complementary programming (e.g. Haushofer et al. 2019), examine post-intervention impacts (e.g. Roy et al. 2020) and expand the geographic scope of previous evidence (e.g. Briaux et al. 2020 in Togo; Peterman et al. 2021 in Ghana; Iqbal et al. 2020 in Pakistan). Moreover, additional work exploring these relationships is underway. With the increased spotlight on the role of social protection in the COVID-19 response and recovery, as well as a prominent narrative on gendered impacts of the pandemic, the importance of this work is expected to grow in the future.

A focus on the intersection of cash transfers and IPV is of interest to stakeholders in LMICs for several additional reasons. From a policy perspective, cash transfers and other social safety nets are attractive instruments for addressing violence, as they are rapidly expanding in resource-poor settings (social safety nets reach approximately 2.5 billion people in LMICs; World Bank 2018) and often directly reach women and the most vulnerable segments of society. Therefore, reductions within programmatic periods found to date (which range from 11 to 66%) are policy-relevant, and offer a notable platform for at-scale reductions (Buller et al. 2018). This widespread reach is an important consideration, as dedicated IPV programming has struggled to maintain quality and achieve cost-effectiveness at scale. Second, as social protection programs have largely been designed without violence (or gender equality) as an objective, learning more about possible gender- and violence-sensitive design components, offers potential additional benefits which could be leveraged to achieve cross-sectoral objectives. Accordingly, the RESPECT framework highlighting promising prevention responses for violence against women has included economic transfers as a core recommended strategy within the ‘reduced poverty’ domain (WHO 2019). In addition, evaluation learning from cash and other economic transfers offers opportunities to learn more about linkages between poverty, women’s economic empowerment and violence more broadly. These insights are valuable for stakeholders interested in better understanding violence and how it relates to women’s status in the household and community, including how to leverage policy and programmatic interventions that increase income earning and employment, asset ownership, and broader social protection coverage.

2. A Joint Research Agenda

The growing interest in the relationship between cash and IPV across different research and implementing organizations is an important development, as these institutions’ diverse agendas can be leveraged to fill research gaps and inform policy at a rapid pace with a coordinated research agenda. Rather than working in silos, there are recognized benefits to sharing information, coordinating, and aligning this work. In the absence of formal collaboration, there are also gains to learning from one another during the research process—particularly during a fast-moving research environment linked to the COVID-19 response. In October of 2020, the Cash Transfer and IPV Research Collaborative and Innovations for Poverty Action convened a workshop with researchers, implementers and donors with the overall goal of sharing the latest evidence and emerging research and discussing research gaps and priority questions. More specifically, the workshop objectives were to:
Understand the landscape of emerging research and research frontiers related to cash transfers and IPV (including cash plus and linkages to broader social protection) via information sharing and research presentations;

Brainstorm how organizations can better align and complement their future research agendas particularly around cash transfers, IPV and COVID-19;

Foster collaboration between the fields of public health and development economics, with respect to violence prevention, thereby encouraging better cross fertilization regarding research questions, ethics and measurement.

What follows is a joint research agenda building on workshop discussions and consultations across a wide range of stakeholders (See Annex C for list workshop participants). This is meant to be a living document, to help guide priorities and coordinate knowledge generation across stakeholders, building on and complementing broader research agendas on global knowledge generation on violence prevention (SVRI & The Equality Institute, 2020). In addition, workplans shared in Annex A and B are meant to provide concrete information on forthcoming and ongoing research across stakeholders. These workplans complement broader research agendas in the areas of gender and social protection.

2.1 Research principles

Stakeholders agree that research process and principles are important elements of the ultimate success of research in both generating rigorous, innovative knowledge - as well as affecting policy and programmatic change. To date, evaluations of cash transfer on IPV have primarily been conducted by development economists from institutions in high-income countries, dominated by quantitative methods. However, more interdisciplinary, mixed-method research, and inclusion of national researchers would strengthen the evidence base, relevance, and uptake of this work. Building on global research agenda principles (SVRI & The Equality Institute, 2020), we believe key process and methodological tenets are essential to promote in the next generation of research (Box 1).
2.2. Priority Research Questions

We propose five priority research questions linking cash transfers and IPV. The priority research questions are not explicitly ranked – however are numbered for reference within ongoing or planned stakeholder research (Annex A).
1. **What is the role of design and operational features of cash transfers?** Implementers of cash transfer programs may seek to understand if and how changing routine design components, listed below, can lead to more favorable impacts on IPV. However, the evidence-base thus far is unable to provide robust evidence in this regard, as most evaluations are not set up to contrast effects of routine design features. For example, this theme would prioritize studying the role of:

   - **Transfer recipient**, specifically if transfers are targeted to men, women, or both – particularly in locations and for programs which have been traditionally targeted at men – or how targeting methodology might influence impacts (e.g. means-based versus universal);
   - **Transfer size, frequency and duration**, specifically how lump-sum large transfers compare to smaller routine transfers and how long support must be sustained to produce impacts (the latter particularly relevant for short-term humanitarian or shock-responsive programming, including during COVID-19 recovery and response efforts);
   - **Delivery mechanism**, specifically if transfers are delivered via group-based implementation structures (e.g. women’s groups) or other platforms (e.g. mobile money), and if these result in significant benefits to women in terms of control of transfers, financial inclusion, or social capital;
   - **Messaging or labeling** of the transfer, for example, to encourage male buy-in or how transfers are spent.

   The design components listed above are not exhaustive. In addition, insofar as these design components have significant cost implications, cost-effectiveness additions will be important to understand the investment case for specific design features.

2. **What is the role of complementary programming?** Evidence suggests the importance of complementary programming in addition to cash in delivering lasting protective effects—however to date there have been few studies designed to isolate the total, differential and synergistic effects of ‘cash’ and ‘plus’ components. In addition, no studies we are aware of specifically focus on plus components that are IPV-specific (added with the specific objective of reducing IPV). As implementers are increasingly interested in developing program models that have IPV objectives, understanding the role of complementary programming with the ability to be implemented at scale, across settings is of great interest to program implementers and policymakers. This programming can be designed as a conditionality for receiving cash transfers or simply be provided alongside cash transfers. Examples include programming that brings together women in groups; links to health services; provides training, assets, or livelihood support; works with couples to increase communication, conflict and mutual support; engages the community to shift gender norms via behavior change or mass media and edutainment. There is particular interest in understanding the role of complementary programming in reducing IPV via mechanisms outlined in Buller et al. (2018) – including reducing alcohol use, improving mental health, empowering women, engaging men or tackling harmful gender-norms. Similar to RQ1, cost-effectiveness additions will be important to understand the investment case across sectors for adding complementary programming.

3. **What are the mechanisms underlying impacts of cash transfers on IPV?** The majority of papers reviewed in Buller et al. (2018) hypothesized or provided preliminary evidence suggesting one or
more pathways through which cash can impact IPV, but studies were not designed to rigorously test these mechanisms. While three hypothesized pathways dominate the evidence – impacts via: 1) economic security and emotional wellbeing, 2) reductions in intra-household conflicts and 3) women’s empowerment – there could be additional mechanisms, or a more nuanced interplay between these pathways. To date, a lack of mixed-methods research, in particular, limits understanding of how or why changes observed in empirical studies occur. Qualitative studies can aid in further refining hypothesized mechanisms, as well as obtaining more in-depth understanding of processes of impact and lived experiences, including any potential unintended or adverse impacts of programs. Qualitative work can also better inform how to develop quantitative measures of pathways. This evidence will not only help explain why impacts occur, but also how to better design programs, sustain impacts and translate evidence across contexts.

4. **What is the role of heterogeneity and contextual factors?** Recent studies have highlighted the importance of individual and contextual factors in determining impacts. In particular, there is concern that among women in particularly at-risk groups (e.g. extreme poor, women with a history of IPV, ethnic minorities etc.) – or in settings with restrictive gender norms or underlying fragility (e.g. humanitarian or displacement settings) – the beneficial impacts of cash may not be realized, or adverse impacts may occur. Impacts may also differ across different ages or life stages (e.g., adolescence, pregnancy, older ages). Yet quantitative evaluations are rarely designed to test these heterogenous impacts or unpack the role of context. Mixed-method work should be prioritized in generating and testing hypotheses for this research question.

5. **How do impacts evolve over time, including post-intervention?** The sustainability of impacts is a critical factor in understanding the prevention power of cash transfers for IPV, yet few studies to date have been able to unpack post-intervention impacts (e.g. Roy et al. 2019). Scarce evidence also exists on how soon impacts on IPV emerge after the start of cash transfers and how these impacts change over the duration of receiving them (for example, if mechanisms related to relationship dynamics take time to play out). Therefore, examining the trajectory and sustainability of impacts (or inter-generational impacts), is very useful to inform debates around the investment case and limitations of cash transfers.

While these questions are only a sub-set of possible interesting research questions within the cash transfer and IPV theme, they are of interest to a broad range of stakeholders. In addition, there is interest in a broader range of violence outcomes – for example, violence against children and violence from other perpetrators – which falls outside the direct focus of this initiative. Ongoing and planned research across stakeholders is summarized in Annex A with tags to priority research questions.

3. **Evidence to policy and research translation**

The communication and translation of research to inform policy and practice is critical. However, policymakers focused on social protection often do not have IPV on their agendas, nor are they necessarily aware of the growing evidence linking cash transfers to IPV. Further, when they do focus on IPV, it tends to be on potential negative consequences, rather than positive benefits of cash transfers. Focused communication, dissemination, and advocacy are necessary to build this awareness and give implementers and policymakers confidence to act to maximize the benefits of cash. Moreover, as much
of the evidence is new and emerging, there is a lag between individual studies’ research findings and availability and communication of these findings, even within the larger group of researchers and implementation partners interested in cash transfers and IPV. We offer a number of recommendations on facilitating research translation for policy and practice change (Box 2).

**Box 2: Recommendations to guide research to policy efforts**

- Work at the outset with dedicated national implementation and policy teams – both from the social protection and violence sectors -- building trust, creating dialogue, and understanding what the government wants to learn;

- Identify national and international advocacy and research champions across sectors – including those who can maintain discussions with policymakers in country and those who have had success in neighboring countries;

- Provide concrete recommendations – lead with what the evidence has shown rather than evidence gaps, use understanding of mechanisms and humanitarian guidance to make recommendations, focus on “no regrets” options that are promising to try and unlikely to do harm;

- Develop guidance that governments can act on even if violence prevention is not an explicit priority – design tweaks to basic delivery systems, plus components not specifically related to violence;

- Consider how to sell the message – researchers should equip interlocutors who interact with policymakers to use effective language (e.g., reframing arguments to connect to different objectives and priorities, linked to poverty, gender or violence more generally), speak to civil society and feminist advocacy;

- Use alternative communication products (briefs, blogs, etc.) to translate research findings for non-academic audiences – including policy and programmatic actionable recommendations;

- Share research in different forums, including via presentations at conferences and workshops, via social media, and integration of evidence summaries into practitioner trainings for both social protection and violence sectors.

As a topic that spans sectors and disciplines, building linkages amongst these stakeholders will help to design a more coherent long-term approach to addressing the key knowledge gaps in this area. Annex B summarizes concrete approaches on communication and translation of research ongoing or planned by stakeholders. It is our hope that these activities will help facilitate a stronger second generation of research—and support better policy and practice for the prevention and reduction of IPV in LMICs.
REFERENCES


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## Annex A: Ongoing and planned research on cash transfers and IPV

Research listed alphabetical by country. This list is also maintained and updated in [google docs](https://docs.google.com/)

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| 1 World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab, Government of Cameroon Social Safety Net project | The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Interventions among Refugees and Host Populations under the Social Safety Nets project in Cameroon | Cameroon Social Safety Net Project                                                   | RCT and embedded qualitative research   | • What is the impact of adding couples’ training to a cash transfer program on IPV, cooperation within the household, and women’s economic empowerment?  
• What is the impact on these same outcomes of adding edutainment, in the form radionovela listening groups, to a cash transfer program?  
• Is there a differential impact of either intervention on refugee vs. host households?  
• Is there a differential impact of either intervention on monogamous vs. polygamous households?  
• How cost-effective is each intervention?  
• What are the mechanisms of impact of the IPV prevention interventions? (qualitative research)  
• How do institutional dynamics hinder or facilitate the implementation of IPV prevention interventions in the context of this national safety net program? (qualitative research)  
**Priority RQs: 2, 3 and 4** | Ongoing                                                                  |
| 2 National Planning Department (DNP) of Colombia & Departamento para la Prosperidad Social | The Impact of Emergency Cash Assistance During a Pandemic Experimental Evidence | Colombia                                                                            | RCT                                     | • What is the impact of an emergency UCT on IPV?  
• How does this differ by rural/urban areas and whether transfers are manual or digital?  
**Priority RQs 1 and 4**                                                                 | Ongoing                                                                  |
| 3 President’s Social Policy Cabinet                                                           | Extending a large-scale Conditional Cash Transfer Evaluation to Include Impacts on Intimate Partner Violence | Dominican Republic                                                                  | RCT, 3 intervention arms                | The project includes 3 intervention arms, including (1) conditional cash transfers, (2) transfers plus volunteer home visits, (3) transfers plus paid professional home visits, and (4) a pure control.  
• What are the benefits and costs of hiring paid professional staff to reduce IPV?  
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<th>What is the importance of intrinsic “pro-social” motivation vs. monetary incentives on IPV?</th>
<th>What are the sub-groups of the population that may most benefit from targeted professional enclaves?</th>
<th>What are the different reported IPV rates using Audio-CASI vs. face-to-face survey administration?</th>
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<td>UNC, UB &amp; Navrongo Health Research Center (Cash Transfer &amp; IPV Research Collaborative)</td>
<td>Qualitative study of the Ghana Livelihoods Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) 1000 on IPV</td>
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<td>What are the mechanisms through which LEAP 1000 reduces IPV?</td>
<td>How do these mechanisms vary across different family structures (monogamous vs polygamous)?</td>
<td>How does the health insurance premium fee waiver provided to all beneficiary women in LEAP 1000 affect these mechanisms?</td>
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<td>IFPRI, LSHTM, World Vision, JaRCO Consulting (Cash Transfer &amp; IPV Research Collaborative)</td>
<td>Evaluation of the Strengthen PSNP4 Institutions and Resilience (SPIR) on IPV</td>
<td>Ethiopia’s Productive Safety Net Program 4 (PSNP4)</td>
<td>Quantitative objective: The impact evaluation uses a clustered RCT design to learn about the effect of different combinations of the SPIR intervention on the well-being of PSNP4 households: the livelihoods package (L), the nutrition package (N), and enhanced versions of each package (L* and N*, respectively).</td>
<td>Qualitative objective: To better understand how the cash for work, and complementary programming affect IPV.</td>
<td>How does cash for work affect the three pathways hypothesized in Buller et al. 2018?</td>
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<td>Economic and Psychological Constraints to Women’s Empowerment</td>
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<td>Mahreen Mahmud, Kate Orkin &amp; Emma Riley</td>
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<td>Public work programs and gender-based violence: Evidence from Lao PDR</td>
<td>World Bank, East Asia and Pacific Gender Innovation Lab</td>
<td>Elizaveta Perova</td>
<td>Laos’ Road Management Group Program (cash-for-work)</td>
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<td>Red Cross “Cash Plus” program &amp; IPV Measurement</td>
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<td>Enabling Sustainable Graduation out of Poverty for the Extreme Poor in Malawi</td>
<td>Trinity College Dublin, Africa Gender Innovation Lab (World Bank), Concern Malawi</td>
<td>Tara Bedi &amp; Julia Vaillant</td>
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| 11 | Africa Gender Innovation Lab (World Bank), Trinity College Dublin, Taazour (Mauritania) | Family Dialog: a couples-based intervention to improve economic cooperation and change gender norms in the Mauritanian Safety Net Program | RCT | All the research questions are to be understood within the Mauritanian Safety Net program, so all study participants are cash transfer recipients. The overall goal of the study is to understand how an add-on intervention for couples can reduce or mitigate conflicts raised by the cash transfer and increase the efficiency of the cash transfer. |
| | | | | - What is the impact of couple’s training focused on economic cooperation and joint planning on household wellbeing, intra-household dynamics, intimate-partner violence, and women’s economic empowerment? |
| | | | | - What is the additional impact of expanding the training topics to gender norms and healthy relationships? |
| | | | | - What is the additional impact of a community-level edutainment intervention? |
| | | | | - What is the relative impact of a community-level edutainment intervention vs. a couple’s level intervention? |
| | Contact person(s): Julia Vaillant | | | Priority RQ 2 and 3 |

| 12 | American Institutes for Research, UNICEF Innocenti and UNICEF Mozambique | Impact Evaluation of the Child Grant 0-2 Years Program in Mozambique | Mozambique’s Child Grant (Cash and Care) program | Geographic RDD and qualitative process evaluation | The evaluation seeks to measure the impact of a government UCT give to primary caregivers of children 0-2 years paired with integrated case management services for protection concerns. Key questions are as follows: |
| | | | | | - What are the impacts of cash alone, and cash plus care on IPV and violence against children? |
| | | | | | - What are possible mechanisms through which the program affects IPV and violence against children? |
| | | | | | - What are the barriers, facilitators and beneficiary experience with the program, including gender and case management components? (qualitative) |
| | Contact(s): Amber Peterman | | | | Priority RQ 2 and 3 |
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<p>| 13 | World Bank, East Asia and Pacific Gender Innovation Lab | Long-term impacts of a short exposure to CCTs in adolescents: Evidence from the Philippines | Philippines’ Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) | RCT | The study is a long-term follow up of men and women in their twenties who were exposed to the 4Ps CCT for up to 1.5 years while they were adolescents (between the ages of 12.5 and 14 years)—representing a 10 year time period between benefits and the follow-up survey. The follow-up examines the following questions: |
| | | | | | - What are the long-term impacts of the program on IPV, domestic violence perpetrated by other household members, and violence outside the home? |
| | Contact(s): Elizaveta Perova | | | | 2019 – 2021 (ongoing) |</p>
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<td>Impact Evaluation of Ujana Salama: A Cash Plus Model for Safe and Healthy Transitions to a Productive Adulthood</td>
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<td>This study examines impacts of layered intervention targeted to adolescents within the PSSN, so all study participants live in households receiving cash transfers. The layered intervention or “plus” component adolescents (comprised of face-to-face training, mentoring, an asset transfer, and linkages to services) is randomized. All adolescents were aged 14-19 years in 2017 and living in PSSN households. They have been interviewed annually in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (a sub-set via mobile phone interviews), and 2021. Research questions include:</td>
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<td>What is the impact of a plus component on violence (including IPV and transactional sex) and pathways of impact such as gender equitable attitudes, self-efficacy, stress, and other outcomes.</td>
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<td>How do contextual factors such as quality of existing health services and distance to markets and schools moderate program impacts?</td>
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## Annex B: Ongoing and planned communication and dissemination activities / products on cash transfers and IPV (alphabetical by organization lead)

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<td>Research Brief</td>
<td>Researchers, Program implementers</td>
<td>Operational guidance on cash transfers for prevention of IPV, conceptualized by mechanisms</td>
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<td>Contact person(s): Shalini Roy &amp; Amber Peterman</td>
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<td>This brief will consolidate insights on cash transfer program design for IPV prevention from various documents – existing impact evaluations, qualitative studies, documents with operational guidance on making programs gender-sensitive, etc. - to structure them around mechanisms for impact, with the goal of providing a framework for implementers to make decisions about design features in their own context.</td>
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<td>2 World Bank</td>
<td>Operational Guidelines</td>
<td>World Bank Social Safety Net Practice; National Social Safety Net Policy and Program Managers</td>
<td>Safety First: Operational Guidance on Leveraging Social Safety Nets to Prevent Gender Based Violence</td>
<td>Publication (Q2) 2021; Training (ongoing)</td>
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<td>Contact person(s): Alessandra Heinemann</td>
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<td>The note provides operational guidance on how to optimize SSN program design and implementation to prevent GBV and empower women. It applies to SSN programs that provide regular, non-contributory benefits (cash transfers, near-cash or in-kind transfers) which may include public works or economic inclusion activities. Part A provides an overview of the evidence and of the pathways through which SSNs influence risk of GBV. Part B provides operational guidance at different stages of the social protection delivery chain: risk assessment, needs assessment, enrollment, provision, management, monitoring and evaluation.</td>
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Annex C: Participant List for “Cash Transfers and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): Sharing Evidence & Aligning Research Agendas to Inform Policy” workshop held in October, 2020

1. Diana J. Arango, Sr. GBV and Development Specialist, The World Bank Group
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4. Clare Barrington, Associate Professor, UNC - Health Behavior
5. Ellen Bates-Jefferys, Research Manager, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
6. Lucy Billings, Sr. Project Manager, IFPRI
7. Ioana Botea, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank
8. Ana Maria Buller, Deputy Director - Gender, Violence and Health Centre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
9. Marlous de Milliano, Economic Researcher, American Institutes for Research
10. Ervin Dervisevic, Consultant, World Bank
11. Mary Ellsberg, Director, Global Womens Institute
12. Emily Esplen, Adviser, violence against women and girls, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (formerly DFID)
13. Kate Falb, Senior Violence Researcher, International Rescue Committee
14. Veronica Frisancho, Senior Research Economist, Inter-American Development Bank
15. Seth Garz, Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
16. Dan Gilligan, Deputy Division Director, Poverty Health and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute
17. Ruth Graham-Goulder, Social Protection & Gender Adviser (Programme Division), UNICEF
18. Margaret Grosh, Senior Advisor, Social Protection & Jobs, World Bank
19. Caren Grown, Global Director, Gender, World Bank
20. Lucia Hanmer, Lead Economist, Gender, World Bank
21. Abigail Hatcher, Assistant Professor, UNC CH
22. Alessandra Heinemann, Senior Social Protection Specialist & Gender Lead, World Bank
23. Lori Heise, Technical Director/Professor, Prevention Collaborative/ Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
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