

Interactions between social protection and rural development programs: how can we all help?

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Panel objectives

1. Future research on the topic
2. Implementation issues
3. Innovations in policy design
4. Institutional challenges
5. Role of multilateral agencies

Rationale

- Efficiency and effectiveness in public spending
- Increasing pro poor public spending
- Clarity in the definition of target population and program objectives
- Simplicity in the design of interventions
- Evidence generation

Why IFAD?

- Do we have a role to play in the field of social protection?
- Should a specialized IFI like us be involved and experiment with these potential synergies between SP and RD?
- ...After long internal discussions the answer to both questions was yes.

IFAD's experience

- At two levels
- Analytical → grant to UNIANDES, synergies at HH (and institutional) level b/w SP and RD.
- Operational → Government of Mexico, pilot experience with their CCTs program (PROSPERA): *Territorios Productivos*.

Learnings (1)

- Future research
 1. Institutional entry point, SP or RD?
 2. Role and profile of technical assistants and eligibility criteria of SP and RD programs
 3. Targeting mechanisms to augment the overlap of both populations (SP and RD)
 4. Human capital (SP) and social capital (IFAD-type RD projects)

Learnings (2)

- Implementation issues, institutional challenges:
 1. Fiscal clout → authorities on board
 2. Enabling environment → political juncture
 3. Delivery model → technical assistants
 4. Social fabric → quality of organizations (maturity, governance, etc.)
 5. Real time learning → M&E

Learnings (3)

- Implications for IFAD
 1. Diversify entry points in borrowing countries
 2. Strengthen policy dialogue capabilities
 3. Technical capabilities → in-house and networks

Learnings (4)

- Role of multilateral agencies:
 1. Careful, respectful, and active listening
 2. Brokering capacity
 3. Financial and non financial support

THANK YOU.

