



“Bridging the SDGs to optimise health-related social protection”

2-3 DECEMBER 2020



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SESSION 1	Welcome/Opening
14.00-14.15	Opening statements (Ghana Ministry Official; WHO; ILO)
14.15-14.45	Introduction to SPARKS and meeting objectives agenda (Knut Lonnroth, Karolinska Institutet; Delia Boccia, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)
SESSION 2	Health-related social protection in the SDGs
14.50-15.05	SDG3 - UHC through Social Health Protection: achievements and gaps (WHO)
15.05-15.20	SDG1 - Income security along the life cycle and its relevance in times of ill health (Christina Behrendt, Head of Social Policy, Social Protection Department, ILO)
15.20-15.35	BREAK
15.35-15.50	SDG 2 - Nutrition and food security as part of social protection (World Food program)
15.50-16.05	SDG8 - Workers' rights to social health protection as part of Decent Work (TBD)
16.10-16.40	Panel discussion: How to optimize inter-sectoral action (including multi-sectoral accountability framework for TB)? (All presenters)
16.40-16.50	CLOSING

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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	Selected Poster Session
SESSION 3	Evidence on the need for social protection in times of ill health
14.00-14.05	Recap of first day
14.05-14.20	Social Protection Programmes: economic strengthening and pathways to improved health (Tia Palermo and Clement Adamba)
14.20-14.35	Towards zero catastrophic costs due to TB: using national TB patient cost surveys to advance social protection and care (Nobu Nishikiori, Global TB Programme, WHO)
14.35-14.50	Social protection to enhance TB care and reduce poverty effects: State of the art (Tom Wingfield, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)
14.55-15.10	Social protection during pandemics – lessons from Covid-19 (TBD)
15.10-15.40	Panel discussion
15.40-15.55	BREAK
SESSION 4:	Implementation challenges and opportunities
15.55-16.55	Country experiences of linking health and social sectors for improved social protection in times of ill health (UNICEF and country representatives)
17.00-17.30	Panel discussion
17.30-17.45	CLOSING

ABOUT SPARKS

Health and **S**ocial **P**rotection **A**ction **R**esearch & **K**nowledge **S**haring (SPARKS) is an international interdisciplinary research network, a network that moves beyond TB, using TB as a tracer for poverty-related diseases with prominent social determinants and consequences. SPARKS Network Members are located all over the world and come from 22 different countries and 27 organisations.



SPARKS MISSION

- Strengthen prevention and reduce population vulnerability towards poverty-related diseases
- Enhance better and more equitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care
- Mitigate the negative financial and societal consequences of illness

SPARKS AIMS

- Generate evidence on the impact, feasibility, acceptability, cost-effectiveness and sustainability of different social protection schemes on poverty-related disease prevention, health care access and mitigation of financial and social consequences of disease.
- Develop metrics, methods and generic protocols for needs assessment, intervention research and monitoring.
- Document socioeconomic barriers to health care, as well as socioeconomic consequences of ill health and related health care use, for patients and households.
- Map social protection platforms and their existing links to the health care sector in order to identify promising intervention entry points.
- Collate and synthesise scientific evidence and tacit knowledge to help drive policy changes.



WORKING GROUPS

Intervention Research Group

Conduct formative studies, designing and implementation of social protection interventions and evaluation of interventions.

Social Protection Mapping Group

Identify and disseminate existing social protection mapping results from TB and non-TB partners in highburden countries, including development of a common platform for updating and sharing mapping results.

Patient Cost Survey Group

Promotion and design implementation of patient cost surveys. Advance methodological discussions amongst experts.

Systematic Review Group

Identify a list of priority research questions that can be tackled through systematic reviews and meta-analysis by independent teams of researchers working under the same research framework.

Beyond TB Group

Initiate the expansion of the SPARKS network beyond TB related research. Assess the access barriers to social protection and fundamental needs for other conditions (starting with non-communicable diseases).

