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## Linking Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection

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## Introduction

IDS have begun to explore the linkages between climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and social protection – conceptually and in practice.

Social protection refers to a range of initiatives that transfer income or assets to the poor, protect the vulnerable against livelihood risks, and enhance the social status and rights of the marginalised.

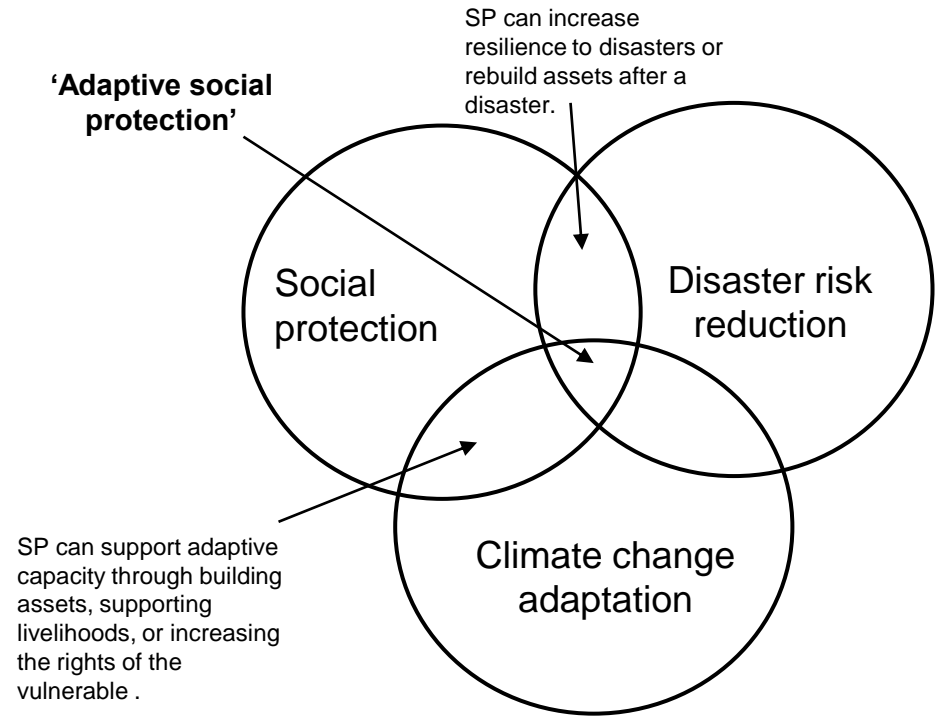


## The argument:

- Comprehensive social protection that aims to prevent impoverishment and protect, promote and transform livelihoods and social relations, could provide significant opportunities to help the poor and vulnerable adapt to climate change;
- Social protection policies and programmes need to consider climate change and disaster risk reduction in order to effectively address the multiple risks and vulnerabilities faced by the poor.



# The concept: “Adaptive Social Protection”





## So what does this mean in practice?



Existing CBA and DRR initiatives

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Specific Poverty Category	Always Poor	Usually Poor	Cyclical Poor	Occasionally Poor
Aggregate Category	Chronic Poor		Transient Poor	
<b>Market-based Adaptation</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote micro-savings, micro-credit, micro-insurance</li> <li>Cattle insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather-indexed insurance</li> <li>Cattle insurance</li> <li>Promote micro-savings, micro-credit, micro-insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather-indexed insurance</li> <li>Promote micro-finance</li> <li>Improved remittance schemes</li> <li>Improved climate information</li> </ul>
<b>Public policy driven Adaptation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social pensions</li> <li>Assisted migration</li> <li>Democratisation of natural resource management</li> <li>Right to adaptation/ Redistribution?</li> <li>Promotion of health and nutrition services;</li> <li>Cash for work schemes</li> <li>Conditional cash transfers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community restocking schemes</li> <li>Subsidised seed banks</li> <li>Ecosystem rehabilitation</li> <li>Cash for work schemes</li> <li>Promotion of health, disease reduction</li> <li>Democratisation of natural resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community restocking schemes</li> <li>Improved remittance schemes</li> <li>Subsidised seed banks</li> <li>Improved climate information (seasonal forecasting)</li> <li>Ecosystem rehabilitation</li> <li>Irrigation schemes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment guarantee schemes</li> <li>Social insurance programmes (health, crop, employment)</li> <li>Irrigation schemes/urban service provision</li> </ul>



## Gathering the evidence...

There remains a need to develop a wider evidence base on how to use social protection measures effectively to address the multiple vulnerabilities to climate change in different contexts and across different livelihoods, households, and groups.



## ...progress so far

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## **...and in the future**

IDS is committed to working with our partners to enhance this evidence base through identifying, sharing and building on examples of adaptive social protection.

- Scoping study of South Asia and East Africa
  - Case studies
  - Policy processes
  - Institutional links
- Addressing structural poverty and adaptation through social protection.



## ...what does this mean for the CBA / DRR community?

- Gather evidence from CBA / DRR initiatives: [k.oswald@ids.ac.uk](mailto:k.oswald@ids.ac.uk)
- Talk to your social protection colleagues
- Gather evidence from SP initiatives (NGO and Government)
- Possibility for scaling up?