



Gender-Responsive Age-Sensitive Social Protection (GRASSP)

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Social Protection, Across the Lifecourse

Increasing attention to social protection at national and global level as a human right

Cash transfers and social services have direct positive effects on children and adolescents for improved well-being and reduced poverty

COVID-19 has had a massive impact on child poverty and made visible the multiple ways children experience poverty and deprivation.



Gender and Social Protection, across the Lifecourse

Poverty, risks and vulnerabilities are gendered, and throughout the lifecourse

COVID-19 pandemic has emphasised gendered nature of crises, risks and vulnerabilities

Gaps remain in our understanding of if and how gender is integrated into social protection programmes and strategies



What is GRASSP?

FCDO-funded | Innocenti-led

Gender-Responsive Age-Sensitive Social Protection (GRASSP) research programme

A five-year, multi-country, mixed-methods research and evaluations programme

[Check our website: Gender-responsive and age-sensitive social protection \(unicef-irc.org\)](https://www.unicef-irc.org)

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for every child, answers

What is GRASSP?

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Research Stream 1

- The 'Frameworks' and 'Measures' (conceptual focus)

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Research Stream 2

- The 'What' (programmatic focus)

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Research Stream 3

- The 'Why' and 'How' (systems focus)

Resources:

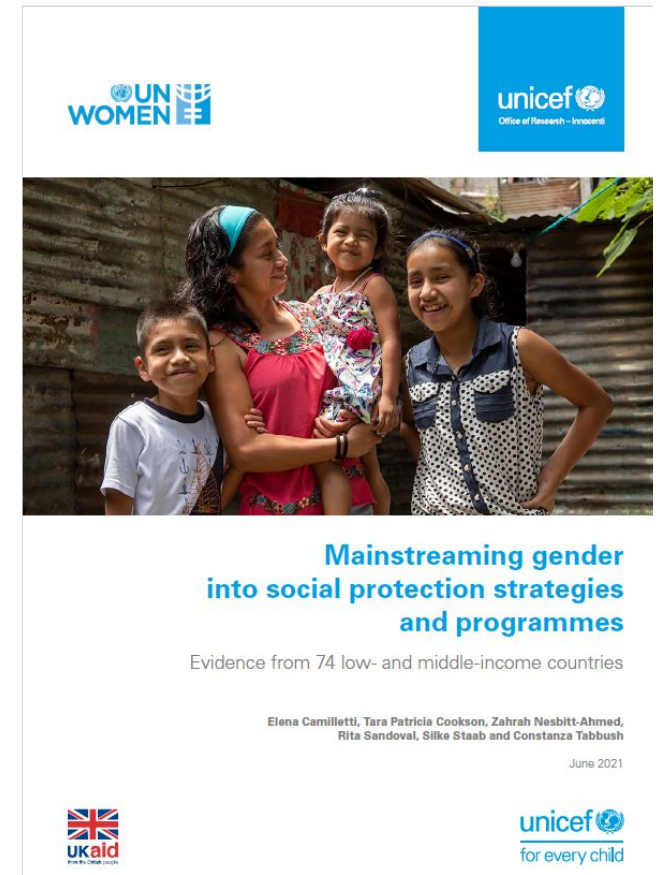
- [Gender-Responsive Age-Sensitive Social Protection \(GRASSP\) research programme](#)
- [GRASSP Think Pieces: experts start the discussion](#)

Filling evidence gaps

Complementary research projects by UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti and UN Women

A total of 74 LMICs:

- 50 national social protection strategies (UN Women)
- 40 social protection programmes (Innocenti)



Check the report: [Mainstreaming gender into social protection strategies and programmes: Evidence from 74 low- and middle-income countries \(unicef-irc.org\)](https://www.unicef-irc.org/)

Gender analysis across four dimensions

1. Overarching framework

Is the overall legal and policy framework conducive to gender mainstreaming?

3. Specific actions and programme design features

Are specific measures or programme design features in place to address these risks and vulnerabilities?



2. Risk and vulnerability assessment

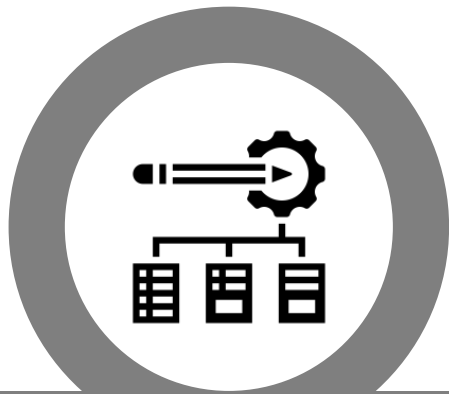
Are gendered risks and vulnerabilities acknowledged?

4. Monitoring and evaluation and governance framework

Are M&E and accountability mechanisms in place to assess gender impacts and reorient programmes where needed?

Snapshot of findings: overarching framework

Programmes have elements enabling gender mainstreaming



32 out of 40

Enshrined in national-level frameworks



3 out of 40

Explicit references to national gender equality strategies or action plans



5 out of 40

Explicitly state the achievement of gender equality among their objectives

Snapshot of findings: gender-specific measures and design features

Gaps in the recognition of and response to structural inequalities



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Explicitly acknowledge
**Violence Against Women
and Girls**



4 out of 40

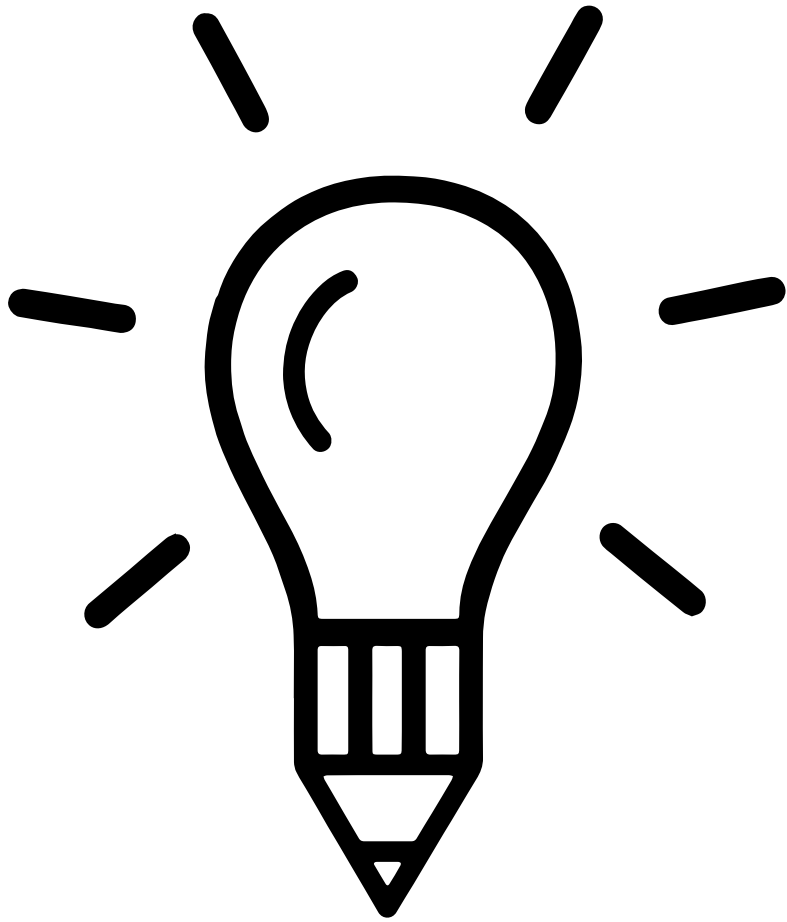
Explicitly acknowledge, and
include specific design
features to reduce or
redistribute **Unpaid Care
Work**



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Recognize women's
and girls' lower levels
of **Access to
Resources**

Four Policy Implications



01 Social protection strategies and programmes must work towards a comprehensive identification of gendered risks and vulnerabilities across the life course

02 The capacity to move from problem recognition to gender-responsive policies and programme design features needs to be strengthened

03 Policymakers need to employ the most appropriate design and delivery features based on the identification of gendered risks and vulnerabilities

04 Gender equality advocates and experts need to be involved in social protection policy and programme decisions to improve their performance for women and girls



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Thank you!

¡Muchas gracias!

Merci beaucoup!

Obrigada/o!

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