



## Seminar

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## Maximizing the nutrition impact of social protection programs in India: What will it take?

Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi

09:00 *Registration*

9:30 – 9:40 **Opening remarks & welcome**

Kalyani Raghunathan (International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI))

9:40 – 10:40 **KEYNOTE: Making social protection more nutrition sensitive: A global overview**

**Chairs:** A. Santhosh Mathew (Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India) & Emmanuel Jimenez (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation)

*Improving nutrition through social protection programs* – Harold Alderman (IFPRI)

*Remarks by chairs*

[Q&A to follow, moderated by Kalyani Raghunathan]

10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 13:00 **Emerging evidence on the impact of food and cash transfers on nutrition outcomes**

**Moderators:** Himanshu (Jawaharlal Nehru University) & Kalyani Raghunathan (IFPRI)

- *What impact do different types of social transfers have on food consumption and nutrition outcomes? Results of the Transfer Research Initiative (TMRI) study in Bangladesh* – Akhter Ahmed (IFPRI)
- *Comparing food, cash and voucher programs in four countries* – Daniel Gilligan (*by video*) or Purnima Menon (IFPRI)
- *Lessons from the Bihar Child Support Programme (BCSP), an initiative to deliver cash transfers via the Integrated Child Development Services in Bihar:* Tom Newton-Lewis (Oxford Policy Management)
- *Learning from the Mamata cash transfer program in Odisha* – Andy Bhanot, Westat India.
- *Lessons from using schools and PDS as delivery platforms for nutrition interventions* – Shubra Mittal (J-PAL South Asia)

[Q&A to follow]

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*



14:00 – 15:30 **Social protection programs and nutrition in India: What is the potential?**

**Moderator:** Rasmi Avula (IFPRI)

- *A framework for approaches to strengthen the nutrition-sensitivity of social protection programs in India* – Suman Chakrabarti (IFPRI)
- *The mid-day meal scheme and nutrition in India* – Farzana Afridi (Indian Statistical Institute)
- *The Public Distribution System and nutrition: Early Evidence* – Avinash Kishore (IFPRI)
- *Building the evidence on making social protection programs in India more nutrition sensitive: What will it need?* - Sudha Narayanan (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research)

[Q&A to follow]

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 16:45 **REFLECTIONS: A roadmap for building evidence on nutrition-sensitive social protection programs in India**

**Moderator:** Purnima Menon (IFPRI)

**Panelists:** Jyotsna Puri (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation)

Jasmine Shah (J-PAL South Asia)

Akhter Ahmed (International Food Policy Research Institute)

Nel Druce (Department for International Development India)

16:45-17:00 **Closing Remarks**

Emmanuel Jimenez (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation)