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Knowledge transfer workshop on Cash-based approaches in Mongolia Ulaanbaatar, November 06-07 / 2007



Experiences with Cash-based approaches at Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation



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Starting point

18'000 Bosnian refugees in Switzerland

n Peace agreement in December 1995

=> suspension of refugee status for Bosnian citizen in Switzerland

Financial incentive for return & investment in homeland

n 10'000 returnees by October 1998

CHF 4000 per adult, CHF2'000 per child

CHF 40 Mio of total individual returnee support

n Sustainable reintegration of returnees returning to their homelands

n Empowerment to restart livelihood





Scope

n considered

- § conditional & unconditional Cash Grants
- § directed to individual, selected beneficiaries

n not considered

- § Microfinance
 - micro credits
 - Micro insurance
- § Voucher
- § Social Cash Transfers
- § Budget support
- § a.o.





Experiences

Cash for Shelter / Host Families

e.g. Cash for Shelter, Ingushetia, Russian Federation 2000/01

unconditional contribution

Internally displaced to find shelter in private households



The host families receive financial support to cover additional costs



Experiences

Cash for Shelter / Host Families

e.g. Cash for Host Families, Banda Aceh, Indonesia 2005

**unconditional
contribution**

**Homeless to find shelter
in private households**



**The host families receive financial
support to cover additional costs**



Experiences

Cash for livelihood

e.g. Cash for Herder Projects I-IV, Mongolia 2002-2006

unconditional
contribution

Winter storms ("Dzud") killed 1/3 of
Mongolian herds between 1999-2002



Existentially endangered herder families to receive
a financial support to recover



Experiences

Cash for most vulnerable

(e.g. Cash for Most vulnerable people, Moldova 2004)

unconditional
contribution

Deprived population after years of
conflict and economical crises



Most vulnerable beneficiaries receive
cash to cover most urgent needs



Experiences

Cash for Reconstruction ("owner-driven" approach)

e.g. Cash for Repair & Reconstruction Trincomalee & Matara, Sri Lanka 2005-07





Experiences

Cash for work

e.g. Preparedness Project Muminabad 2006, Tajikistan

conditional
contribution

Labour intensive Riverbank protection



Workers receive a salary



Lessons learnt

at output level (results)

n careful assessment => project design

- § needs at grass root level => eligibility criteria
- § sizing & timing of contribution
- § availability on the market
- § availability of transfer institutions (banking system)
- § security situation (for implementers and beneficiaries)
- § Influence of market prices (small vs. large scale interventions)

n Professional implementation

- § Database / Data management
- § Skilled personnel
- § Participatory beneficiary selection





Lessons learnt

at outcome level (effects)

n Short term interventions

- + recovery form shock
- + individual coping strategies
- **no** (or limited?) **sustainable effects**
- **undesired effects when protracted** -> link to Social Cash Transfers

n Mongolia

- + recovery form shock
- + individual coping strategies
- **vulnerability unchanged**

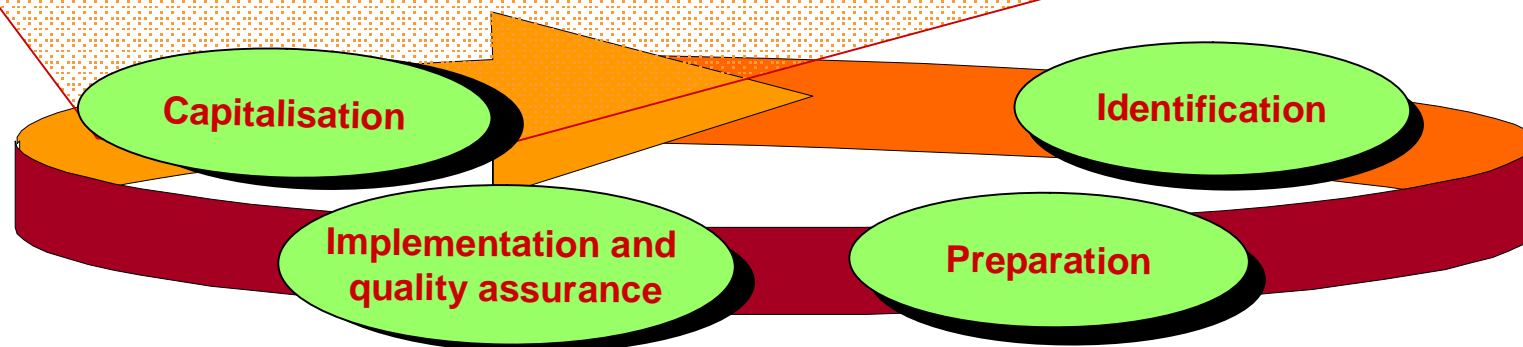




Knowledge management

Community of Practice CoP CASH

- **Support in Project Cycle Management PCM**
Pool of experts
- **Professional knowledge sharing**
Training courses
- **Working tools**
SDC Cash Workbook



Source: Evaluation & Controlling - SDC



Partner network



www.sdc-cashprojects.ch

Information platform

- to share experiences from,
- to provide management instruments for and
- to allow networking among practitioners



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