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Title: Reforming Without Resourcing: The Case of the Urban Water Supply in Zambia

Authors: Hulya Dagdeviren and Simon A. Robertson

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The authors argue that corporatization of water services in Zambia was unduly focused on cost recovery and undermined social objectives.

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Research Programme on Social Protection and Cash Transfers

Title: Cash Transfers – Lessons from Africa and Latin America

Editors: Degol Hailu and Fabio Veras Soares

Series: Poverty in Focus # 15

In this issue of the Poverty in Focus a collection of articles discuss lessons learnt from conditional and social cash transfer programmes implemented in Africa and Latin America.

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Title: Is the Conditionality Necessary in Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes? Evidence from Mexico

Author: John Hoddinott

Series: One Pager # 64

The author summarizes the debate on whether conditionalities are necessary when implementing cash transfer programmes.

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Seminar

September, 12

IPC Seminar: Social Challenges Presented by Privatised Utilities – Some ideas on the access to water and electricity in the slums, contractual disputes in the utilities sector and investment problems

Hulya Dagdeviren (IPC Visiting Researcher; University of Hertfordshire and School of Oriental and African Studies – University of London, UK) – IPC meeting room. ■

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Newsletter: Africa-Brazil Cooperation Programme on Social Development

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Training

August 25-29

Study Tour by delegates from African Countries to Brazil opens new possibilities for South-South Cooperation in Social Protection

<<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/paper-seminar/Story-StudyTourAfrica-Brazil.pdf>>

Photo: Participants of the Study Tour take part in field visits to Pernambuco, Northeast of Brazil, and talk to beneficiaries of social programmes.



Photo: UNDP/IPC

August 17-22

Strengthening Local Governments' Initiatives in Bangladesh
<<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/paper-seminar/Story-Bangladesh-ST.pdf>>



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The purpose of this Study Tour was to provide the Bangladeshi government officials with **training sessions** and **knowledge-sharing opportunities** on the Brazilian experiences with local governments

and participatory budgeting and planning processes. The focus of the discussions was on the impact of **increased popular participation in the decision making process at local level** and its impacts into sustainable development and poverty reduction through the **empowerment of poor people**.

