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SUMMARY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION ENVIRONMENT AND CASH TRANSFER SCHEMES IN SELECTED ASIAN COUNTRIES

Country	Social Protection Environment	Cash Transfer Experiences	Related Ministries/Agencies
Bangladesh	Mostly cash for work and food transfers, but increasingly relying on cash transfers, mainly conditional in the education area. There are many programs, but they are inarticulate. There is no overarching framework. Significant experience and results with Microcredit (e.g. Grameen Bank). There are several smaller non-conditional cash transfer programs	Female Secondary School Assistance Primary Education Stipend Program (PESP) Bangladesh National Social Protection Project Local Governance Support Project (LGSP) Honorarium Program for Insolvent Freedom Fighters Old Age Allowances Program Program for Widowed, Deserted and Destitute Women Fund for Natural Disasters Cash for Education	Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Local Development, Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs, BRAC
Brunei	No information available.	Old Age and Disability Pension which started in 1955	Department of Community Development of the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports
Cambodia	Cambodia's Rectangular Strategy following the Triangle Strategy of the Royal Government does not mention the use of Conditional Cash Transfers. Efforts are being made for the development of a harmonized approach (criteria and procedures) for the identification of poor households.	No CCT in place. Past experience with Targeted Assistance for Education of Poor Girls and Indigenous Children which was financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction.	Ministries of Planning, Interior, Health, Agriculture, Education
China	China used to provide the well known 'Cradle to Grave' Social Protection Policy. Now that the country has changed, a number of programs had to be designed in order to compensate for those who became 'outsiders' of the new regime – unemployed and unassisted.	Minimum Living Standards Guarantee Scheme (1993) Five Guarantees (1956 with reforms in 1978, 1994 and 2003) where the elderly benefit the most.	Ministry of Civil Affairs
India	There are numerous, inarticulate social protection schemes, existing programs are mostly in-kind and conditional transfers. Focus on cash for work programs.	National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) for destitute elderly households. National Rural Employment Bill (2005) entitles every household in rural areas to at least 100 days of guaranteed employment every year for at least one adult member and unemployment allowance if the job of the scheme is not given within a specific period. New CCT to families of girls in Bihar, Orissa, Jharkand, Punjab and Haryana. Conditionality on school attendance, on birth registration, immunization and others.	Community & Rural Development Department Women and Child Development Ministry

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Indonesia	In 2005, an Unconditional Cash Transfer for the poor (19.2 million poor and near-poor households) was piloted to compensate for the increased fuel prices. Great emphasis is being put in cash transfers.	Household and Community Cash Transfer Schemes are to be piloted and Kecamatan Development Program (KDP) will be scaled up.	Ministry of Internal Affairs
Malaysia	No information available.	Old Age Social Pension started in 2006	Ministry of Finance.
Mongolia	The country is experiencing Welfare reforms.	Child Money Program which is a CCT supported mainly by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).	Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor
Nepal	Major programs include Food for Work, Welfare fund for civil service covering work injuries, maternity, micro-enterprise development, Local Development Fund (SF) for small infrastructure, micro-credit, training, and technology, micro-credit for very poor farmers & small farmers, credit for rural women, emergency funds, welfare schemes, insurance in health, life, livestock, Child Labor in partnership with UNICEF.	Old Age Allowance Program (OPA) Helpless Widows Allowance (HPA) Disabled Pension (DP)	Ministry of Local Development
Pakistan	Bait-ul-Mal is the leading agency in the sector under the Ministry of Social Welfare. The government is piloting a CCT called Child Support Program linked with the Food Support Program.	Child Support Program (CSP) – Pilot CCT initiative Individual Financial Assistance (IFA)	Ministry of Social Welfare, Bait-ul-Mal
Sri Lanka	Samurdhi reaches 40% of the population in the country and includes cash transfer, insurance and credit scheme and support for rural infra-structure development. However there are many leakage problems, benefit is too small and there are many corruption scandals.	Samurdhi Cash transfer for disabled soldiers and families of service personnel Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme Several cash transfers related to Tsunami Aid	Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare, Department of Pensions, Ministry of Samurdhi and Poverty Alleviation
Thailand	The Strategic Plan for the Promotion of Social Welfare in Thailand (2007-2011) has no explicit reference to cash transfer.	Welfare Fund for Older People emerged in 1993	Ministry of Social Security Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
Turkey	Social Security System is under reform. Programs are very fragmented.	Social Risk Mitigation Project – SRMP supported by the World Bank promotes cash transfers and institutional strengthening.	Directory of Social Services and the Child Protection Agency, Administration for Disabled People, Directory of Family Research Organization, Directory on the Status of Women, Directory of Social Assistance and Solidarity

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Vietnam	The law on social insurance was approved by the National Assembly in 2006 which is meant to have universal coverage. Focus on social transfers along with investments in primary education and delivery of basic health services.	Universal Pension Scheme Social Guarantee Fund for Regular Relief (1995) Social Guarantee Scheme for Veterans and Invalids (1995)	The Ministry of Labor Invalids and Social Affairs