

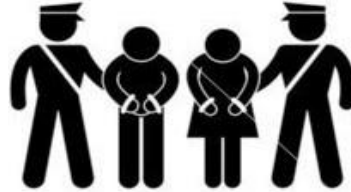
Social protection and child protection: two sides of the same coin?



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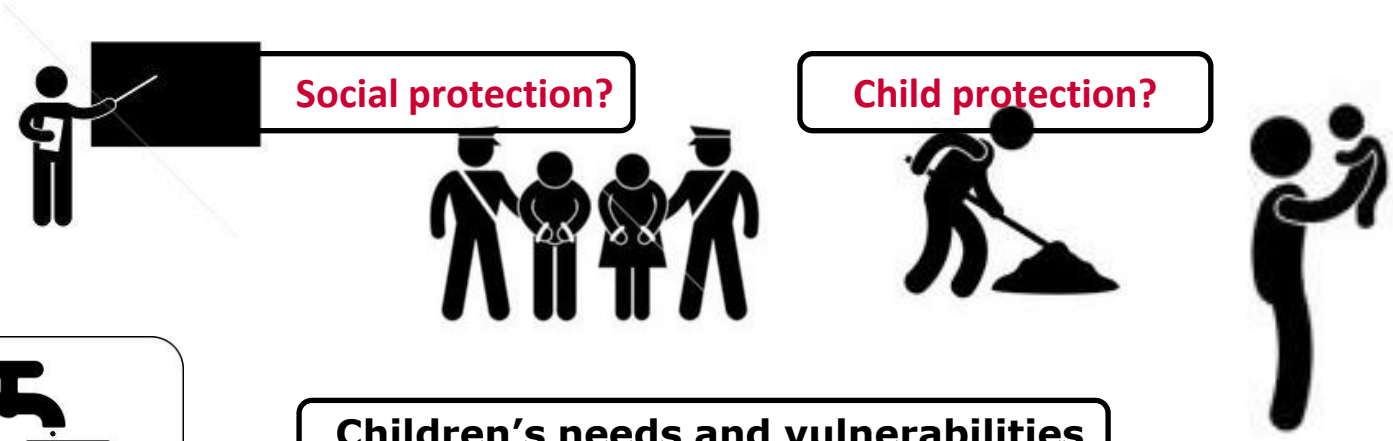
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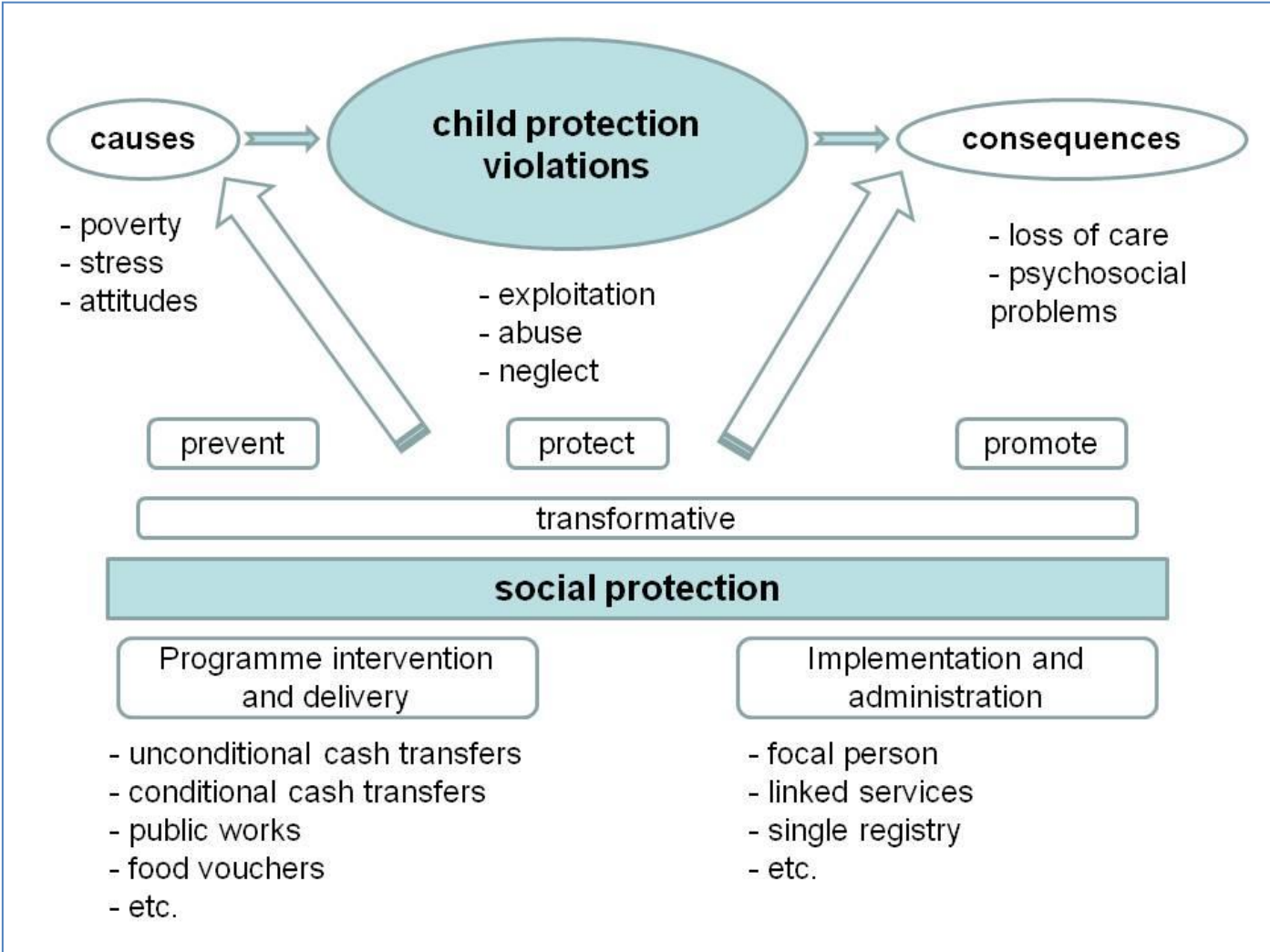


Functions of social protection

- Prevention: prevent people falling into poverty following a shock
- Protection: protect people against the consequences of poverty
- Promotion: promote people out of poverty
- Transformation: transform structures that perpetuate and reinforce patterns of poverty

>> can also be applied to child protection





Programmatic effects:

- Conditions
- Direct delivery

Implementation synergies:

- Community mechanisms and volunteering



Conditions

- Well-documented positive effects on nutrition, education and health outcomes

but also leading to

- Perverse incentives
- Adverse consequences
- Power transfer



Direct delivery

- Evidence on empowerment of women and children

but also leading to

- Reinforcement of existing inequalities
- Creation of tensions and disputes



Community mechanisms and volunteering

- At the forefront of children's needs and vulnerability
- Creates bottom-up involvement, ownership and community engagement
- Appealing in resource-constrained environments

but also leading to

- High pressure and workload
- Unrealistic expectations
- Sustainability issues



Conclusion

Greater synergies between social protection and child protection are necessary and feasible, requiring

- More critical thinking about the impact of social protection on child protection and translation of such thinking in design of social protection programmes
- Innovative solutions for the provision of a comprehensive response for children.

That said: child protection \neq social protection

