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Preface

This book is part of a larger Safety Net Primer work program supported by the Social Protection Unit of the Human Development Network. The full work program comprises a variety of activities all designed to share information on the design and implementation of safety net programs around the world.

Safety Nets Primer Papers are good starting points to learn about an important aspect of safety nets. Some summarize international “good practices” on which there is a great deal of consensus. This is especially the case for papers on the most common types of interventions. Some primers present new research, such as the work commissioned on targeting. Other primers represent the views of individual thinkers, moving forward the international debate on themes where there is not yet firm consensus—for example, on issues of institutions, political economy or the role of safety nets in development policy. Still other primers offer case studies, such as the work on social safety net assessments in Latin America. Most Safety Nets Primer Papers are commissioned by the team, often with the support of the World Bank Institute or regional partners, to fill gaps in knowledge or as teaching tools. Other papers are the results of jointly sponsored work or work done by others that provides useful information to the primer’s audience.

Primer Notes are brief pamphlets that distill the main messages of the underlying primer papers. They serve as a briefing for those who do not have time to read comprehensively on all aspects of safety nets, and as an introduction to those who will want to read more on the specific theme. A list of primer papers and notes is provided at the back of this book.

The team offers a variety of **training, workshops, and conferences** either based on primer materials or contributing to them. Together with the World Bank Institute, the team jointly offers an annual two-week, Washington, D.C.-based course, “For Protection and Promotion: The Design and Implementation of Effective Safety Nets,” and periodically offers distance versions in English, French, Russian, and Spanish. A second week-long course, “How the Rich Protect Their Poor: Social Safety Nets in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development,” is offered on demand for small groups of countries. Occasional multiday workshops are organized on themes of importance. These have included three international conferences on conditional cash transfer programs, two workshops on protection for orphans and vulnerable children, and one workshop on food aid. Also, there are periodic internal training events and a brown-bag-lunch seminar series for World Bank staff.

The Web site of the Safety Nets team, www.worldbank.org/safetynets, is a comprehensive guide to its knowledge on safety nets. It contains primer papers and notes, often in several languages. It archives agendas, presentations, and papers from all the training events, workshops, and brown-bag seminars for the last several years. The Web site also contains a catalogue of World Bank projects and analytic work on safety nets. And it provides references to much other work—abstracts of, links to, and copies of hundreds of other papers on safety net programs or themes.

Abbreviations

AFDC	Aid for Families with Dependent Children (United States)
ATM	automated teller machine
BULOG	National Food Logistics Agency (Indonesia)
CCT	conditional cash transfer
EFC	error, fraud, and corruption
GDP	gross domestic product
GMI	guaranteed minimum income
JPS	Jaringan Pengaman Sosial (Social Safety Net) (Indonesia)
JRY	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (Jawahar Employment Program) (India)
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
MDS	Ministry for Social Development and the Fight against Hunger (Brazil)
MEGS	Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Scheme (India)
MIS	management information system
MISSOC	Mutual Information System on Social Protection
MPCT	marginal propensity to consume out of the transfer
NGO	nongovernmental organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PDS	public distribution system
POS	point of service
PROGRESA	Programa de Educación, Salud y Alimentación (Education, Health, and Nutrition Program) (Mexico)
PSNP	Productive Safety Net Program (Ethiopia)
VAT	value added tax
WFP	World Food Programme

