



Session 2C: Building Human Capital, Protecting Development Gains: Food Security and Nutrition as the Building Blocks of Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific

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Kimberly Deni leads a multi-disciplinary team of experts in social protection, school-based programs, nutrition, climate, research and analysis, and emergency preparedness and response to provide technical support and oversight to WFP operations in 17 countries. Kimberly has more than 15 years of experience in humanitarian and development work. In WFP, she has worked in various roles including in the Programme and Policy Division, where she focused on complex emergencies, protracted crises and transitions to peace, and in WFP Country Offices in Nepal and Zambia. Kimberly holds a Master's in Public Health and a Master of Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University in the United States.

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Ms. Nazma Mobarek, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, is a government civil service officer with more than 30 years of experiences in field administration, design and implementation of various development programs/ projects of the government. She was one of the key members of preparing national budget while working as additional secretary under Ministry of Finance and one of the key architects of introducing gender budget. Currently she is leading MoWCA responsible for implementing two largest social protection programs for vulnerable women and children in Bangladesh.



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Naveed Akbar is Director General for the National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) and Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Programs at Benazir Income Support Programme. He has spearheaded Pakistan's first digital socio-economic census covering over 35 million households of the country and established the NSER. He has designed and implemented successful health and nutrition and education focused CCTs across Pakistan. Naveed has also designed and implemented several targeted subsidies and shock-response initiatives for poor and ultra-poor segments of the country, including noteworthy emergency cash assistance during COVID 19 and response to recent monsoon floods in Pakistan. Mr. Naveed holds a M.Sc Economics & Finance with a distinction.

**Namrata Singh**

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Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal

Namrata Singh has been working as Province Secretary, Ministry of Land management, Agriculture and Cooperative, Madhesh Pradesh Nepal for the last two years. Policy formulation for agriculture (crop, livestock and fisheries), land management and cooperative sectors. She is also involved in making plans for food security, and multisectoral nutritional plans. She previously worked as Deputy Director General at Department of Livestock Services mainly engaged in policy for livestock sector. Before that, Namrata worked as Chief Livestock Development officer at National Animal feed & Livestock Quality Management Laboratory.

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Richard Gerald Morgan is Director of Governance and Social Safety Net Programs at Nutrition International. This includes work to identify evidence-based opportunities for countries to achieve greater nutritional progress for vulnerable populations through the nutrition-sensitive design of social protection programs. Richard has prior experience in the planning of child-sensitive social protection policies and programs as Director of Policy at UNICEF and Director of Child Poverty at Save the Children. Richard also worked for two decades on the development and implementation of social safety nets in Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia and other countries of East and Southern Africa. His academic background is in development economics from the Universities of Oxford and East Anglia.