



## Session 5A: Leveraging Digital Payment Systems for Social Assistance

### Moderator



#### **Lisette Cipriano**

Senior Digital Technology Specialist (Financial Technology Services), Finance Sector Office, Sector Group, ADB

Lisette is passionate about mobile financial services and their impact on poverty alleviation. She has in-depth expertise in payments, card acquiring and issuing, and alternative payment methods having worked in Europe, Africa, and Asia and the Pacific. She is currently working as a Senior Digital Technology Specialist in the Finance Sector Group at the Asian Development Bank.

### Panelists



#### **Muhammad Tahir Noor**

Additional Secretary  
Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)  
Pakistan

Tahir Noor supervises the overall operations of BISP with a focus on dynamic registry, biometric payments systems and robust monitoring & evaluation of various initiatives of BISP.

His portfolios at BISP encompass almost the entire operations of BISP, having annual financial outlay of approximately \$ 1.6 billion and catering for more than 9 million beneficiary families all across Pakistan. He has remained actively involved in beneficiary identification, data selection, data analysis, and designing of various initiatives like technical education & skill

development and conditional cash transfer for education initiative of BISP.

Tahir has a deep understanding of international aid architecture of not only individual governmental aid agencies like DFID, GIZ and USAID, but also of multilateral financial institutions like the World Bank, ADB, & IMF. He has been dealing and coordinating with all of these agencies and institutions for many years.

Tahir has a PhD in Political Science from University of Heidelberg, is well conversant with the issues of governance, human development and poverty and has been actively involved in post PhD research on multidimensional issues like poverty, gender, rule of law, and empowerment of the poor.



**Julius B. Gorospe**

Special Assistant to Secretary  
Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Philippines

Julius Gorospe is a highly accomplished technology leader with over 30 years of experience in the industry. He has a proven track record of delivering successful and complex projects in various countries. He is known for his expertise in technology management, data operations, e-governance, and cybersecurity.



**Stephanie Diepeveen**

Senior Research Fellow (Digital)  
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Stephanie Diepeveen is a Senior Research Fellow at ODI where she leads its Digital Societies Initiative. She has more than a decade of experience in research on digital technologies, citizen-state relations and governance. She has a PhD in Politics from the University of Cambridge, and is also currently a Research Associate at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge.

**Cathlyn Dolor Pavia**

Head for Public Sector and Partnerships  
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Cathlyn Dolor Pavia is a purpose-driven leader with more than 15 years of sales and marketing experience in the telecommunications and financial technology industries. She provides analytical and proactive approach in creating sales strategies to address industry needs and expand customer base. Cathlyn collaborates to build diverse teams by leveraging on and coaching through the individual strengths of employees.