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Social Protection in a post-pandemic world: Bridging social assistance, social insurance, and labor market policies

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Lachmi and Harichand

Pakistan

Lachmi and her son receive support from the Ehsas Nashonuma Programme, a health & nutrition programme. WFP provides families with specialized nutritious foods and health support, while the government provides cash assistance, immunisation and other support.



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Narendra

Nepal

In October 2021, the Kankai river in Jhapa district broke its banks. Based on flood forecasts, WFP with the Nepal Red Cross Society and local government provided families like Narendra's with anticipatory cash assistance. Narendra's family used the US\$ 110 they received "to buy food, as well as a bicycle."



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Taimy

Bangladesh

Taimy is a participant in a WFP Livelihoods programme that aims to help women gain marketable skills, financial literacy and to start their own business. Taimy started her business three years ago selling her surplus produce at a biweekly community Women's Market and has since become the breadwinner for her family.

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Mohammad

Afghanistan

When the pandemic struck, Mohammad lost his income source overnight. By the time lockdown ended, he had no money to restart his business. Mohammad and his family were eligible for WFP cash-assistance. He used part of the payment to buy food, and the other half to restart his business as a banana vendor.



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