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Conditional transfers: experiences, lessons and challenges





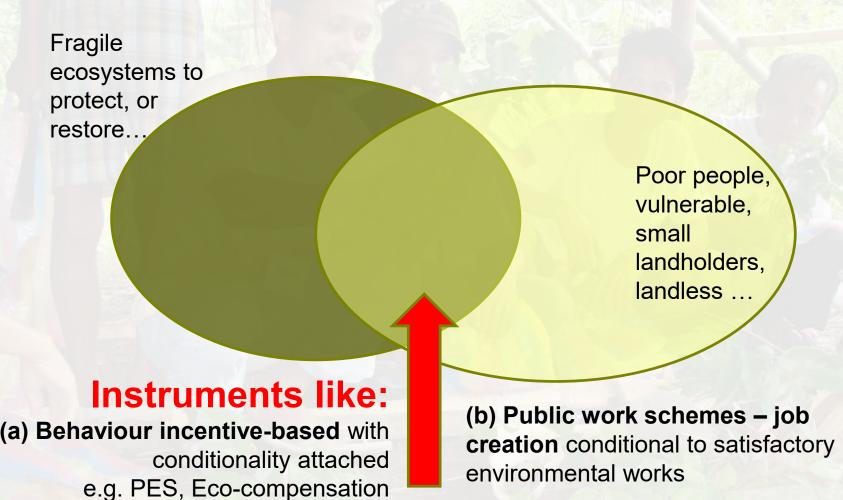




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Setting up the scene



This session

Sharing experience between poverty and environmental experts, policy makers and researchers, and across geographies

Marking point: areas for future practice, learning and joint research

Experience at scales

Asia:

- The Philippines National Greening Programme,
- India's Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act programme,
- China's Eco-compensation Programme
- The Bangladesh Jatka
 Conservation Programme,
- Bhutan's emerging Water PES

Africa:

- South Africa's Environmental public works programme,
- Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme
- Madagascar's emerging Payments for ecosystem services
- Kenya's emerging Payments for mangrove protection

Latin America:

- **Brazil**'s Bolsa Floresta programme;
- Mexico's Payments for hydrological services programme,
- Costa Rica's Payments for Ecosystem Services programme

Enablers for success

Government buy in and financial sustainability

- · Net political gain is key.
- Insulate financial sustainability from economic and political shocks

Institutional setup, + monitoring and evaluation

- · Smart and efficient institutions needed
- A need towards a more cost-effective monitoring and evaluation

Targeting + payment types

- Exclusion and exclusion errors
- Compensation types and distributional implications

Conditionality and compliance

- Trust is key for compliance esp. for small scale projects
- Effective monitoring and enforcement; well defined property rights

Convergence potential

- Evidence that it works— although not easy (mis-targeting, elite capture, etc)
- Advances in ICTs to reduce costs although practice not always as planned or preferred
- Domestic public commitments and potential for private sector but problems with free riding
- Evidence of change in behaviour but no clear exit strategies with long-lasting impact

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What next?

A learning platform:

- Exchange and learn from each-other
- Make a clear link of the environment to wider agendas: health, poverty, industry, climate change, SDGs
- Sustainable ecosystems need sustainable finance: fiscal reform, tackle bad subsidies, natural capital accounting