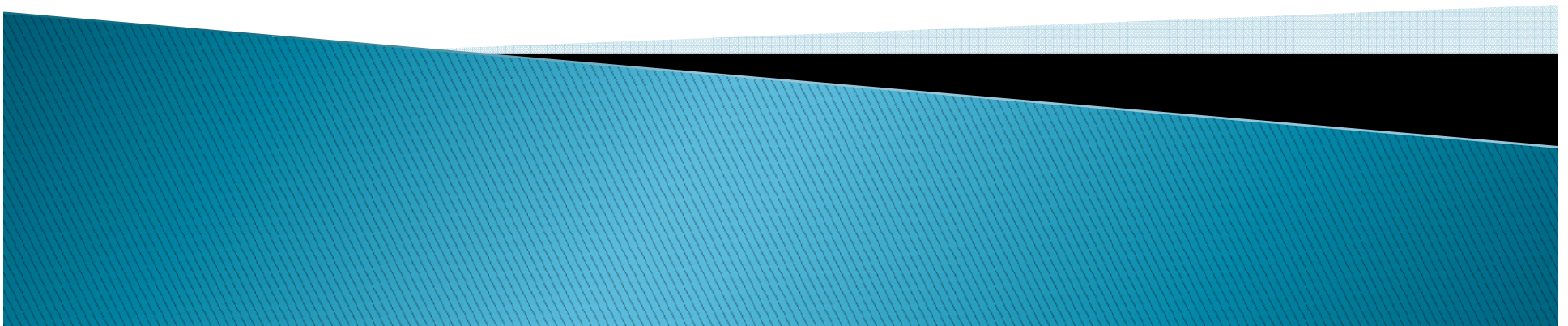


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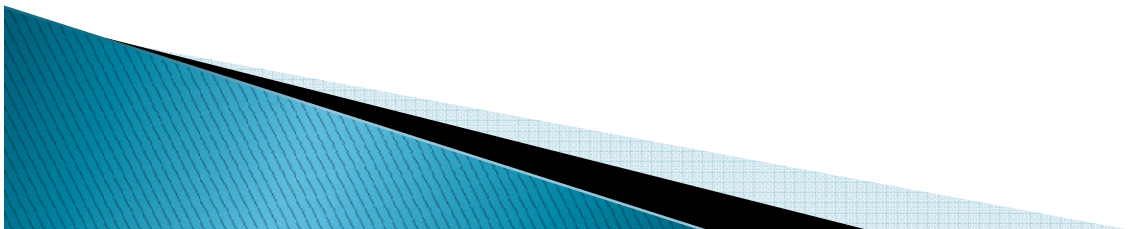
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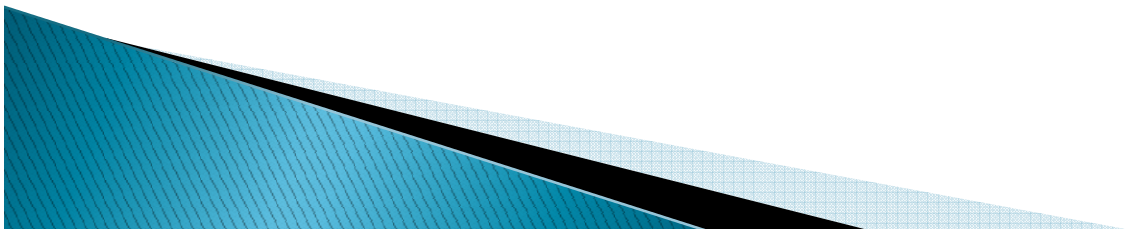
Structure

- ▶ Context
- ▶ The approach to the study
- ▶ Social protection positioning
- ▶ The impact so far
- ▶ What's next



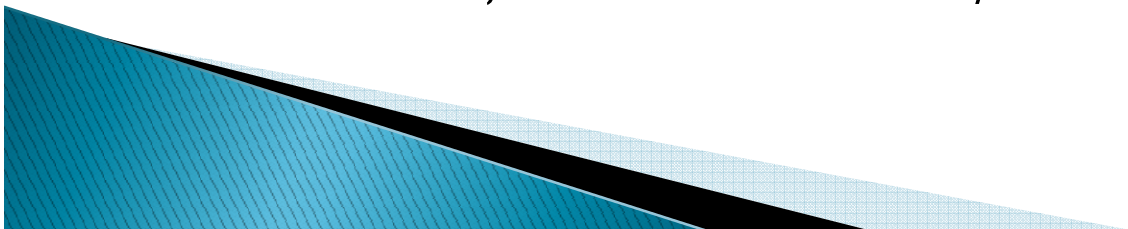
Context

- ▶ Policy context: rapid expansion in social service access; 3rd PRSP in development; move toward growth focus + equity and social protection?
- ▶ Economic context and crisis: expansion of deficit target; opening for social protection;
- ▶ Upstream role of UNICEF: developing policy dialogue; substantial progress in social protection; need more budget capacity;



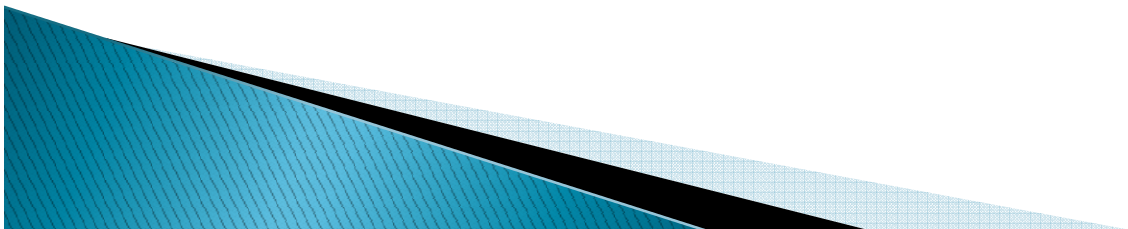
The study:

- ▶ Technical and policy objectives;
- ▶ Evidence base on child poverty and vulnerability impacts and policy impact analysis;
- ▶ Multisectoral under guidance of MEF and intersectoral within CO;
- ▶ Drafted alongside Action Plan for Tackling the Economic Crisis;
- ▶ Innovative partnership for research; PEP network; International/national team;



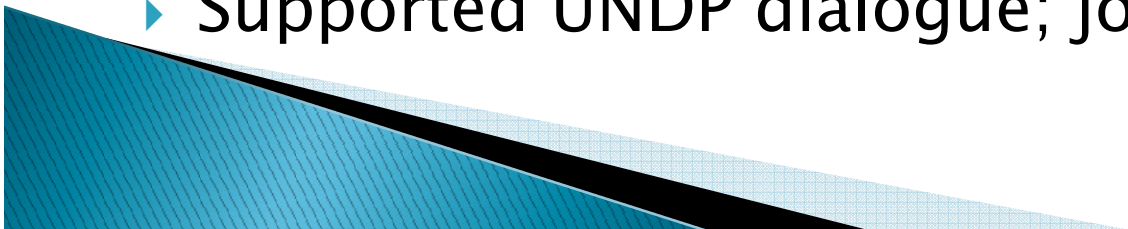
Social Protection positioning

- ▶ UNICEF positioned as focal point partner;
- ▶ Hold bi-monthly meetings with all partners in area;
- ▶ National dialogue: National Workshop > roadmap for new policy > committee;
- ▶ Support Interministerial Committee on Social Protection;
- ▶ National capacity: training workshop
- ▶ National evidence: social safety net inventory



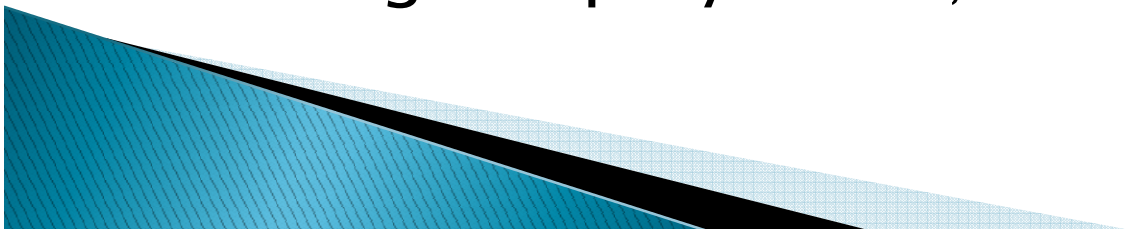
The impact (so far)

- ▶ Provided an evidence base; macro and micro;
- ▶ Provided concrete entry point through its formulation and discussion of results;
- ▶ Clear link between impact and policy;
- ▶ Informed government policy : moving away from solely macroeconomic response; first govt policy to include social protection; central cross-cutting policy objective; integrated into new PRSP;
- ▶ Integration into global evidence base; presentations and WB/IMF Annual Meetings;
- ▶ Supported UNDP dialogue; joint workshop



What next?

- ▶ Consolidating results so far; feeding wider policy debate;
- ▶ To be replicated; studying fiscal space and investments for children – partnering with the IMF;
- ▶ Repositioning the poverty debate; emphasising extreme poverty; national coalition on poverty;
- ▶ Stronger equity focus;



Thank you!

