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COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH IN SAFETY NETS

Lindert Social Safety Nets Core Course

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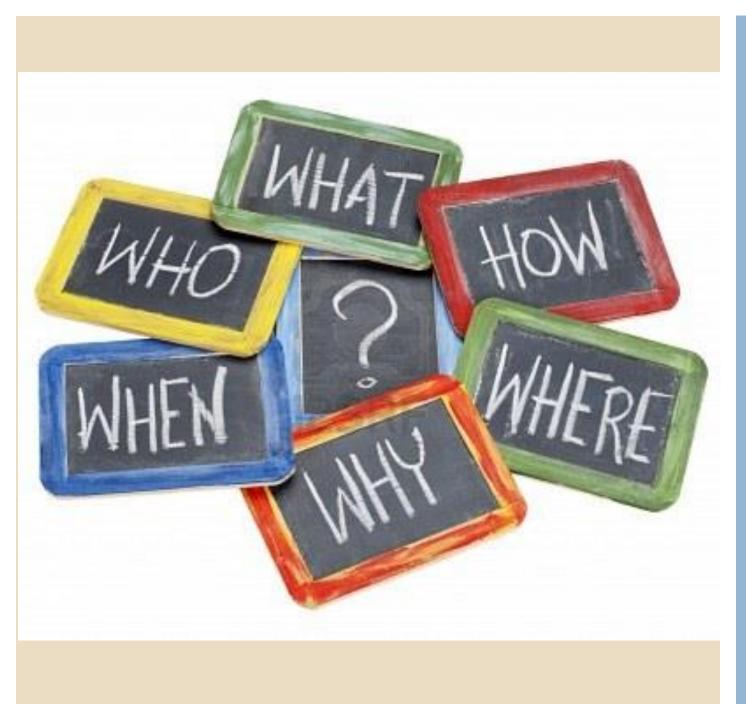
CLICKER QUESTION



"The social safety net program that I work with:"

Your answers:

- A. Has a logo/tagline with clear messaging
- B. Has an active communication strategy
- **C.** Has an active communications team
- D. All of the above
- **E.** None of the above



OUTLINE

WHY COMMUNICATE?



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↑ Support ↓Opposition

Awareness



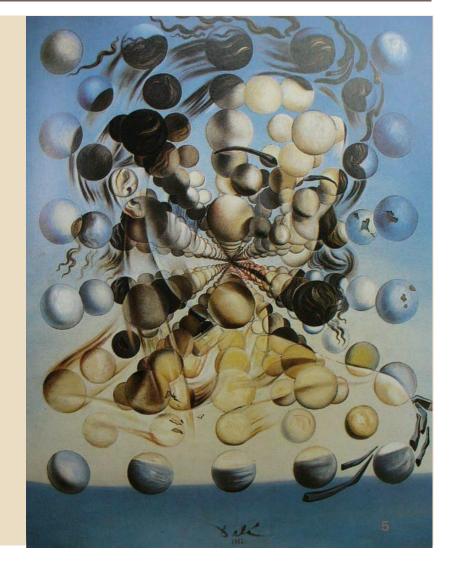
Understanding



Participation & Outreach

RISKS OF MIS-INFORMATION (OR NEGATIVE "SPIN")

- Can't assume people will understand
- Risk of Negative Spiral
- Lack of Credibility
- Reputational risk (stock & flow)
- Divisiveness, Politicization
- Reversal of reforms
- Program failure
- Unintended impacts (e.g., when "Winners Feel Like Losers" - El Salvador Subsidy Reform Example from Oscar Calvo)
- Be careful with FALSE Information (SMS text example in Brazil)



COMMUNICATE ABOUT WHAT?

SSN Program

Objectives, Rationale

- Pilot, launching, expansion
- Program rules
- Changes

Targeting & Registry

- "Identity" of its own
- Especially if it's a "multi-use" registry
- How it works
- Who can register

Policy Reforms

- For example if "coupling" SSN program with subsidy reforms or fiscal consolidation
- Rationale for reforms
- Compensatory measures

BRANDING & MESSAGING

Branding:

- ✓ Recognizable NAME!
- ✓ Logo
- ✓ Taglines
- ✓ The importance of product recall

Build a narrative:

- ✓ Clear message!
- ✓ People remember stories not information
- ✓ Build a connection
- ✓ What does it mean for THEM?

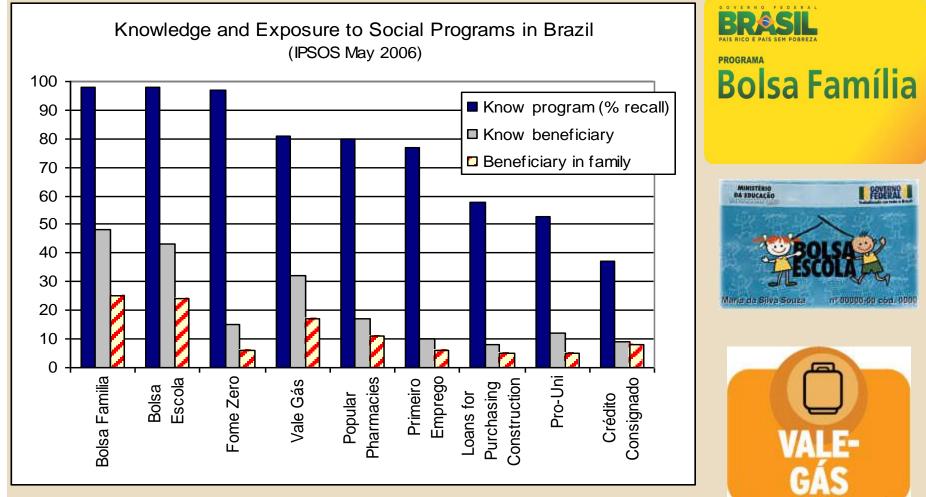
Characterize the brand:

✓ Convey core values

 Such as: equity, inclusion, positive impacts, fairness, credibility, transparency, effective use of public resources, neutral (non-partisan, non-politicized), etc.



IMPORTANCE OF "PRODUCT RECALL" (SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN BRAZIL)



Ipsos survey of 1000 respondents (nationally representative for sex, age, education, PEA, region)

BRANDING OF WHAT? PROGRAM, REGISTRY, & BROADER STRATEGY



Bolsa Família

PROGRAMA

Conhecer para incluir **Unico**

Unified Registry: "Know Them to Include Them" – "If we don't know them, we can't help them" (President Lula, Dec 2010)



Broader Social Policy "Brazil without Misery"

BUILDING A BRAND FOR THE SOCIAL REGISTRY IN THE PHILLIPPINES

National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction ("NHTSPR")

- Core social policy tool
- Main "spinal cord" of the CCT and other social programs / services
- Operated by the DSWD

Communication Assessment showed:

- Confusion on the field of what NHTSPR means
- Limited to association with Pantawid
- NHSTPR as an acronym is difficult to recall

New Brand needed to help with:

- Launching the next round of poverty targeting & registration
- Informing people, improving understanding and appreciation for what the NHTSPR really is
- Promoting unity and consistency nationwide

BRAND FOOTPRINT: DESIRED IMAGE & MESSAGE OF NEW BRAND FOR THE "NHTSPR"

What is the NHTSPR?

- Scientific, nationwide, specific database
- Internationally-accepted methodology
- Tool for social protection

What does it mean?

- Champion of the Poor
- Reliable
- Non-partisan

Characterize the brand:

- Balance of "authority" and "compassion"
- Taglines should not over-promise (emphasis on the TOOL vs the CCT program or specific benefits)
- Must not be partisan



MARKET TESTING: BRANDING, MESSAGING & LOGOS





Visuals:

- Checkmark = symbol of accuracy & correctness
- House instead of tick-box

Tagline:

- "Correct Number, Correct Support."
- Emphasis on accuracy & response
- Not over-promising
- Simple, easy to understand
- Universal

Visuals:

- Checkmark = symbol of accuracy & correctness
- Sun = offers hope, uplifting
- Nationalistic (colors of flag)
- Taglines:
 - "Correct Number, Correct Support."
 - & "Philippines' national registry of the poor"
 - Not over-promising
 - Simple, easy to understand
 - Universal



MARKET TESTING: BRANDING, MESSAGING & LOGOS



Giving a name and face to poverty.

Visuals:

- House shaped by "caring hands"
- Prevalent color = red, a "feeling color" & from palette of DSWD

Tagline:

- Conveys "what it is" (NHTS)
- Caring message on purpose "Giving a name and face to poverty"

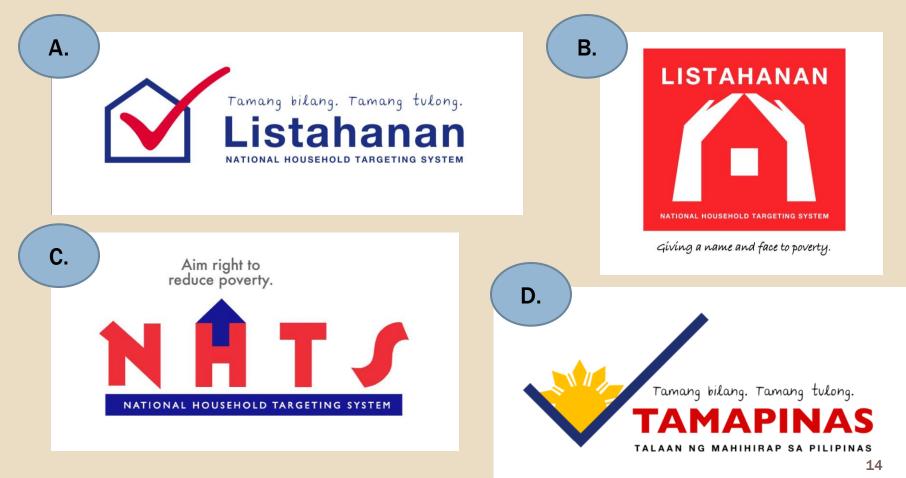


Visuals:

- Arrow = "Targeting"
- Dark blue & red = DSWD palette
- Tagline:
 - Conveys "what it is" (NHTS) but simpler acronym
 - Conveys ultimate goal: aim to reduce poverty

CLICKER QUESTION

Which branding logo do you think is more effective?



FINAL VERSION OF THE LOGO + LISTAHANAN VIDEO



Note change of tagline to read: **"List of Needy Families"** (rather than registry of the poor)



English version of Listahanan video (show this one) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ck5lWlhu7wo

Nice video link on targeting, MIS, Listahanan https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9J-_Ls5L7z

WHEN TO COMMUNICATE

Before Implementation

- As <u>inputs</u> to design of reforms
- Build <u>coalitions</u> of key reformers
- Build <u>broad public</u> <u>support</u>
- Build <u>understanding</u>
- <u>Prepare</u> institutions, implementers (internal constituency)
- Pay attention to <u>timing &</u> <u>sequencing</u>

During Implementation

- Continue the <u>narrative</u> branding & messaging
- Promote outreach
- Support implementation
- Respond to <u>applicants</u> / <u>beneficiaries</u>
- Respond to <u>media</u> & promote visibility
- Monitor & evaluate

Repetition!

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COMMUNICATE BY WHO?

Who speaks on behalf of the Program?

- Politicians
- Ministry officials
- Official spokesperson / COMMs team
- Local officials as points of contact AND communicators
- Hotlines, official website

Clear protocols are useful:

- Clear & consistent messaging
- "Talking Points" (including the "tough ones")
- Official Use of Logos, etc.

Communications Teams (Philippines Example):

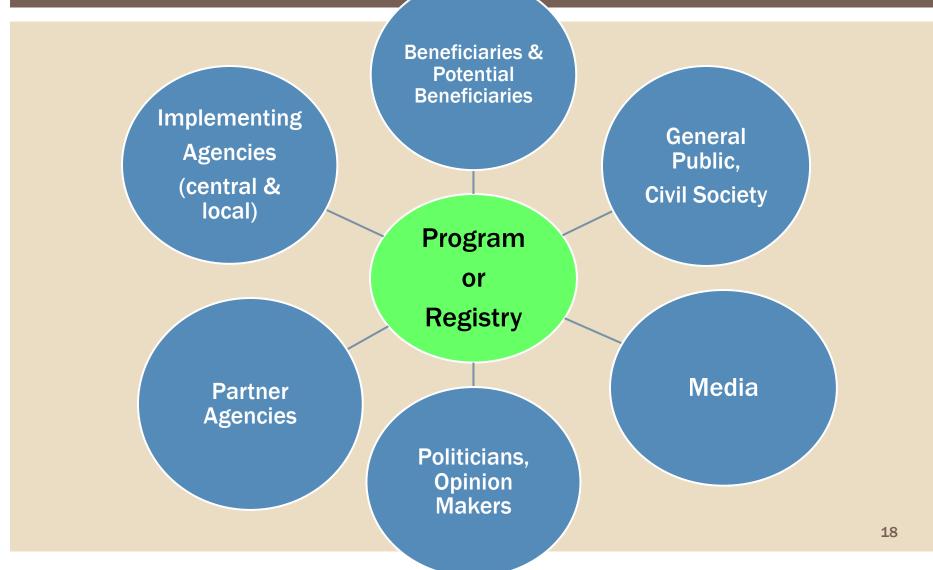
- "Social Marketing Services" (SMS) division in DWSD.
- Each project / program also has Comms specialist at national and regional levels
- Budget varies by project / program:
 - Budget for Targeting office = 2% of annual ops cost (\$46K / year)
 - Budget for Pantawid CCT = \$930K for 2014





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COMMUNICATE WITH WHO?



COMMUNICATE WITH GENERAL PUBLIC & CIVIL SOCIETY

Building support

- Build awareness!
- Promote Transparency
- Demonstrate results
- Engage citizens in discussions on poverty & social policy
- Equip citizenry to demand better governance
- Provide info on policies, rules, processes

Supporting information

- Impact evaluations
- Testimonials of beneficiaries
- Transparency reports on use of public funds
- Targeting & program rules
- FAQs & Tough FAQs

Communications Channels

- Mass media
- Social Media
- Community Assemblies
- Success / development stories
- Local / community points of contact

USING SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITES TO SHARE INFO ON PROGRAMS (PHILIPPINES & SENEGAL EXAMPLES

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COMMUNICATING WITH OPINION MAKERS, POLITICIANS, "CHAMPIONS" & "ADVERSARIES"

"Champions"

- Prez + Advisors
- Cabinet
- Governors & Mayors (supportive)
- Legislators & Committees (budget, social policy)
- Community leaders
- Religious leaders
- Popular personalities
- Other key public figure heads

"Adversaries"

- Opposition political parties
- Governors & mayors (from opposition)
- Legislators (opposition)
- Community leaders
- Other public figure heads

Messaging:

- Be seen as "propoor" or as "champions of the poor"
- Support program as pro-poor
- Promote registry for transparency, fairness
- Secure their support for BUDGET!

Channels of Communication

- Dialogue, face-toface
- Invite "champions" to radio, TV programs
- Assemblies of beneficiaries & partners (from constituencies)
- Program caravans, study visits to successful sites
- Invite to media events, press releases



COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEDIA

Media Requires:

- Steady stream of info
- Significant interaction
- Prompt & accurate responses to their queries
- Materials (press kits, press releases)
- Media training helps

Transparency

- Sharing info
- Openness when problems arise
- Explaining errors
- Promote evidencebased journalism

Build Working Relationship with the Media

- Reach out to both supportive and adversarial media
- Invite press to key events (Program launches, anniversaries)
- COMMs team & spokesperson
- Maintain media contacts
- Provide materials & info
- Respond to queries (positive or negative)
- Invite to visits in successful areas
- Program caravans
- Meetings with beneficiaries



President Lula at launch of Bolsa Familia Program, October 20, 2003, Brasilia, Brazil BUILDING INTERNAL CONSENSUS: PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS: ALL CENTRAL & LOCAL AGENCIES

On message

- About objectives
- For country, poor
- For fiscal savings
- For efficiency, simplification
- Value of transparency

On Mechanics

- Institutional Roles & Arrangements
- Own roles as "communicators," points of contact
- Beneficiary interface
- Business policies & processes
- Information flows, ICT
- Piloting, training, rollout

Communications Tools & Channels

- 2-way communications (horizontal & vertical)
- Operational manuals
- Updates, announcements
- Electronic bulletins
- Regular reporting
- Seminars, training updates, training videos, capacity building
- Help-line for Technical Questions
- FAQs and tough FAQs

CHANGING BUSINESS PROCESSES: LOCAL ROLES, TRAINING, CAPACITY



Photos from **Azerbaijan**



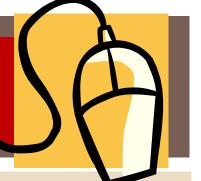


What do the changes mean for them?



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CLICKER QUESTION



For the social safety net program that I work with, the main channel for beneficiaries to communicate with the program (and vice versa) is through:"

Your answers:

- A. Direct contact with program officials at home or in own community
- **B.** Direct contact with officials at local office
- C. On-line
- D. Through a hotline / call center
- E. Other?

COMMUNICATING WITH (POTENTIAL) BENEFICIARIES

How will the

program help

me?

Who should I contact about the program?

How, when & where can I apply for benefits?

> What documents do I need to apply?

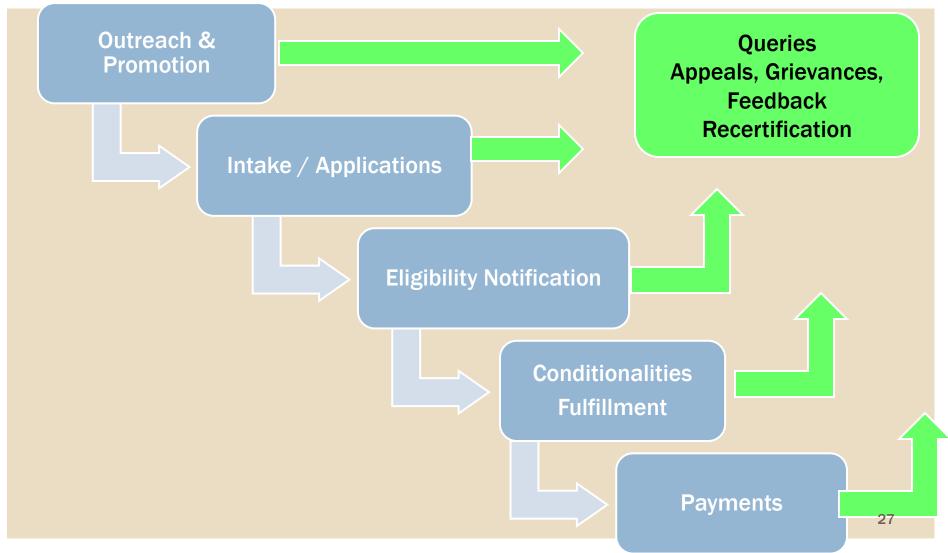
How & when will I be notified of the decision? How & where can I appeal or file a complaint?

How, when & where do I have to recertify?

> What is expected of me & my family / children?

When & how will I receive the benefits?

COMMUNICATIONS NEEDED FOR ALL CORE SSN BUSINESS PROCESSES THAT INTERFACE WITH BENEFICIARIES



COMMUNICATIONS FOR OUTREACH & PROMOTION

Eligible families may face barriers to inclusion:

Distance & remoteness, homeless (no fixed address) Barriers to information: less education & access to ICT

Social exclusion: ethnic, linguistic, cultural, disability (deaf, blind, wheelchair), gender

Strategies to improve take-up:

- Simplify Procedures!
- Open application process
- Advertising & public awareness campaigns
- Availability of promotional materials & application forms
- Websites, "FAQs"
- Social workers to assist applicants
- Translators & cultural adaptations + adaptations for disabled

ACTIVE OUTREACH: EXAMPLE OF BRAZIL'S "BUSCA ACTIVA"



Objective: Every extremely poor family must be part of Bolsa Familia

- Even with coverage of over 14 million families
- Evidence suggested many extreme poor families still not included "Hard to reach"
- 919 thousand families have been located and added
- 600 thousand yet to be found (estimate)

MOBILE OUTREACH TEAMS: GOING TO THE POOR TO REGISTER THEM (BRAZIL BUSCA ACTIVA EXAMPLE)

1,197 social assistance mobile teams

113 speedboats for the mobile teams









COMMUNICATIONS ASPECTS OF APPLICATIONS, INTAKE & RECERTIFICATION

Clarity on Process

• Where, when, how to apply?

- Notifications, announcements, ads, billboards!
- Inform on program & eligibility rules
- Explain that registering is no guarantee of benefits
- Inform what's expected for conditionalities
- Calendar & process for updating & recertification

Application Forms & documents

- PMT ≠ intake questionnaire
- Intake questionnaire = communications device (pre-test, Albania example)
- Keep it simple!
- Language & disability adaptations
- Clarity on needed documents
- Don't over-estimate patience or ability of applicants for complex on-line processes (US healthcare.gov example)
- Offer social worker assistance

COMMUNICATION EXAMPLES FROM BRAZIL'S BOLSA FAMILIA - RECERTIFICATION



Social e Combate à Fome

GOVERNO FEDERAL

https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=FnmKMehl1oM

Families must update their registry

A atualização cadastral tura, para que continue reé um dos mecanismos de





CAIXA

CLICKER QUESTION



"How long does it take the SSN Program that I work on to notify applicants of eligibility decision?"

Your answers:

- A. On the spot
- B. (About) 30 days
- C. (About) 3 months
- D. (About) 6 months
- **E.** No formal notification process

COMMUNICATIONS ASPECTS OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION, GRIEVANCES

Notification: Good practices

- Let the applicant know WHEN & HOW they will be notified
- Inform them that registering is no guarantee of benefits!
- Formal letters of notification or other means (for eligible & noneligible)
- Turnaround times / industry standards (e.g., 30 days)
- Communications aspects of Grievances, Appeals:
 - Letters & responses
 - Turnaround times / industry standards for response
 - Hotlines & trained staff
 - Web-based grievance redressal system (Pakistan example)
 - FAQs & info on websites reduce volume & answer common topics
 - Clarity of procedures
 - Local point of contact + central point of contact



COMMUNICATIONS ON PAYMENTS

- Beneficiaries need to know WHEN, HOW MUCH, and HOW they will receive
- Regularity & predictability crucial
- "Know your benefits" online tools can help (Azerbaijan pensions example)
- Automated payments & reconciliation can also help
- Payments can also be "touchpoints" for communication of other messages:
 - SMS texts with other "awareness message" (e.g., conditionalities)
 - Awareness seminars same day as payments events
 - Messages on "debit card receipts"



CONDITIONALITIES (SOFT OR HARD)

- Awareness about conditionalities is KEY for CCTs (whether hard or soft)!
- Communications plays a central role
- From the beginning and continuously.
- Repetition of messages!
- Many ways to communicate:
 - Directly with beneficiaries & communities
 - TV & Radio spots
 - Websites
 - Printed materials (Bolsa Familia Booklet)
 - Press releases & news updates (Bolsa Familia announcements about certification of health conditionalities







» Principal > Notícias Destaque > Governo Federal > Bolsa Familia: prazo para acompanhamento de saúde termina na sexta-feira

Noticias Destaque

Bolsa Família: prazo para acompanhamento de saúde termina na sextafeira (11)





Familias beneficiárias com crianças até 7 anos ou gestantes devem procurar as unidades de saúde do município. Familias beneficiárias do Program Bokas Familia Formicanos sité 7 anos de tadas ou gestantes, our não forme mandias em Unicades Báxicos de Saúde (UBS) ou em casa pela equipe da Saúde (UBS) ou Familia, neste primero semeste, devem procurar Familia, neste primero semeste, devem procurar

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Nesse processo são verificados o calendário de vacinação das crianças, o peso e a altura para a avaliação nutricional e o acompanhamento do pré-natal das gestantes. As famílias devem levar o cartão do Bolsa Família ou o cartão de saúde.

De acordo com a assessora do Departamento de Condicionalidades do Ministério do Desenvolvimento Social e Combate à Forne (MDS), vulnan Agatte, a condicionalidade responsabiliza o poder público a olettar o serviço de saúde para as famílias, em especial aquelas em situação de pobreza e em vulnerabilidade e risco social.

A gestão do acompanhamento das condicionalidades na área da saúde é de responsationado do Ministério da Saúde e realizada pelas equipes de saúde dos municípios e dos estados, com o apoi Sa 105. O resultado do acompanhamento é registrado no Sistema de Cestão do Programa Boias Famila na Saúde uma

CONDITIONALITIES & ACCOMPANYING MEASURES INDONESIA PHK FAMILY HOPE CCT EXAMPLE

- "Classic CCT" with health & education conditionalities
- Program also now adding Accompanying Measures to promote "graduation" agenda
- Incorporating the "Coaching Approach" via Family
 Development Sessions (health, parenting, economy, child protection)
- Communications aspects:
 - Community meetings with structured curriculum + training
 - Brochures, workbooks
 - Videos + cartoons (novela style with same characters)



CCT WITH ACCOMPANYING MEASURES NIGER EXAMPLE

CCT:

- Monthly cash transfers
- Behavioral Component:
 - Positive parenting practices
 - Nutrition
 - Health
 - Psycho-social stimulation
 - Child protection
 - "Soft Conditions"

Structured Implementation & Communications

- Monthly meetings by NGOs, community educators
- Home visits
- INTENSITY 3 activities per month
- Animation Techniques

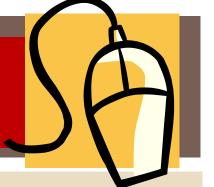
Lessons Learned

- Structured content PLUS structured delivery – both matter!
- Participation & interest very high
- Quality focus is essential (continuous training, oversight)
- REPETITION of messages!

NIGER VIDEO – COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS IN ACCOMPANYING MEASURES



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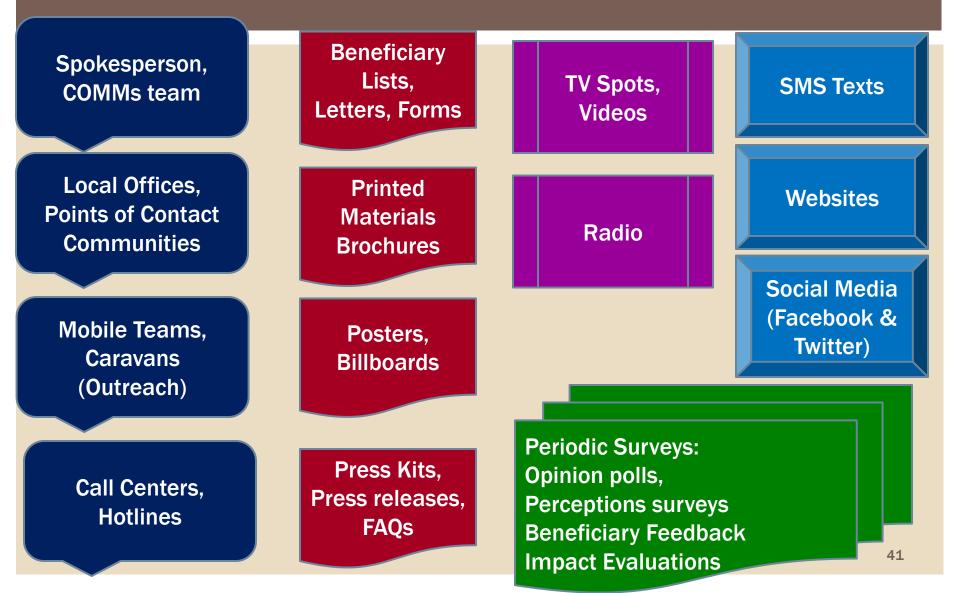


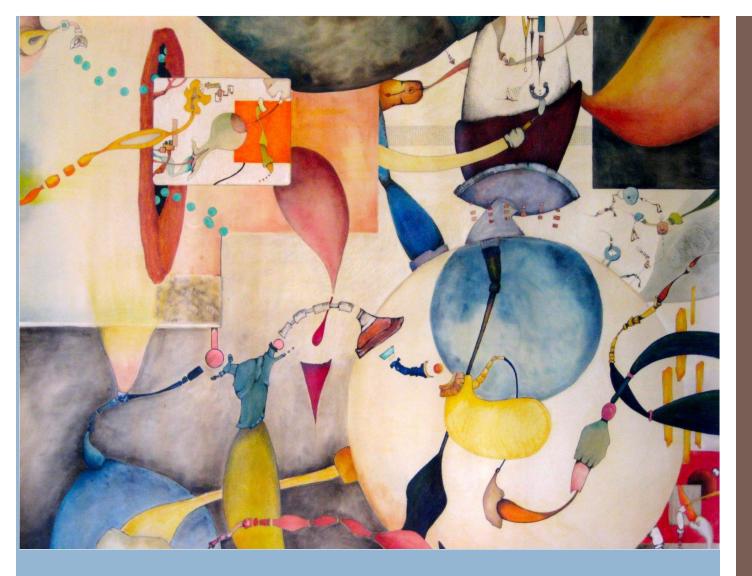
In the video on Niger's CCT and Accompanying Measures, I saw the following types of communications tools being used:"

Your answers:

- A. Home visits, discussions with social workers
- B. Training & community meetings
- C. Posters, workbooks, family booklets
- D. Small group activities & discussions
- E. All of the above

SO MANY COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS

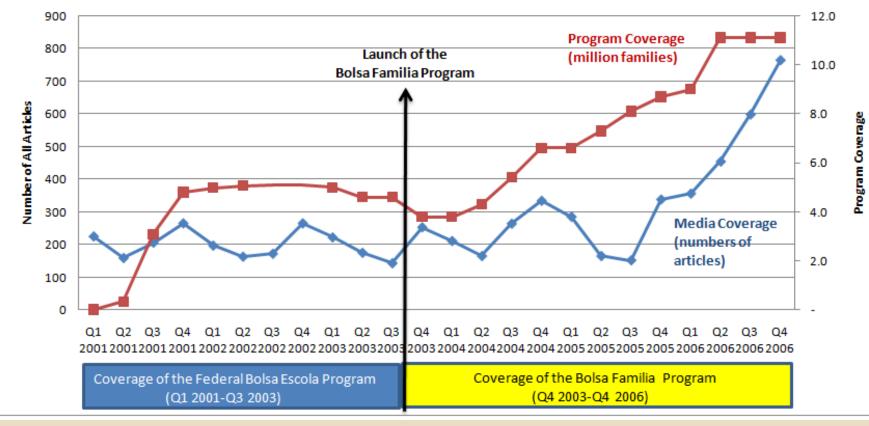




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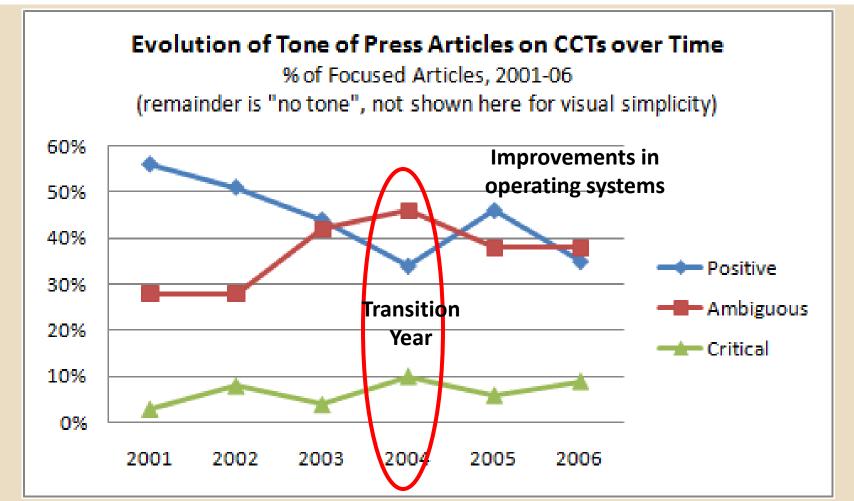


Press Coverage and Program Coverage of CCT Programs 2001-2006



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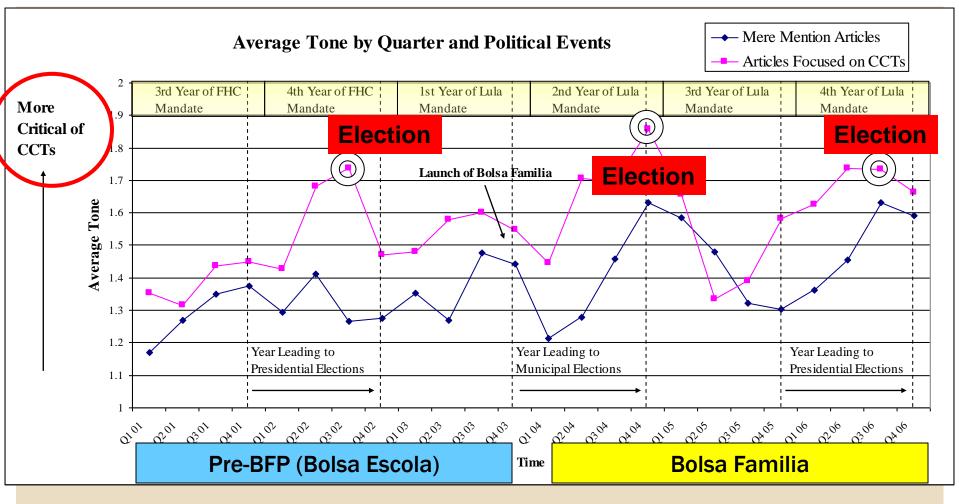


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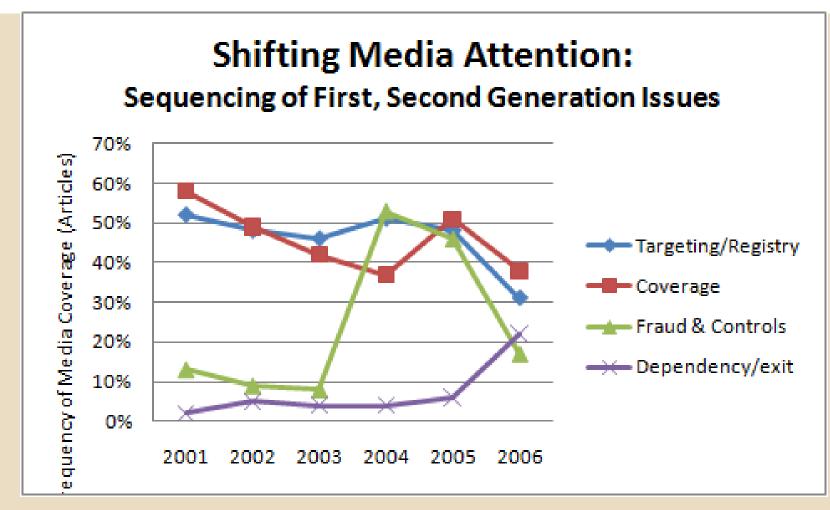
EVOLUTION OF MEDIA TONE WITH POLITICAL CYCLES



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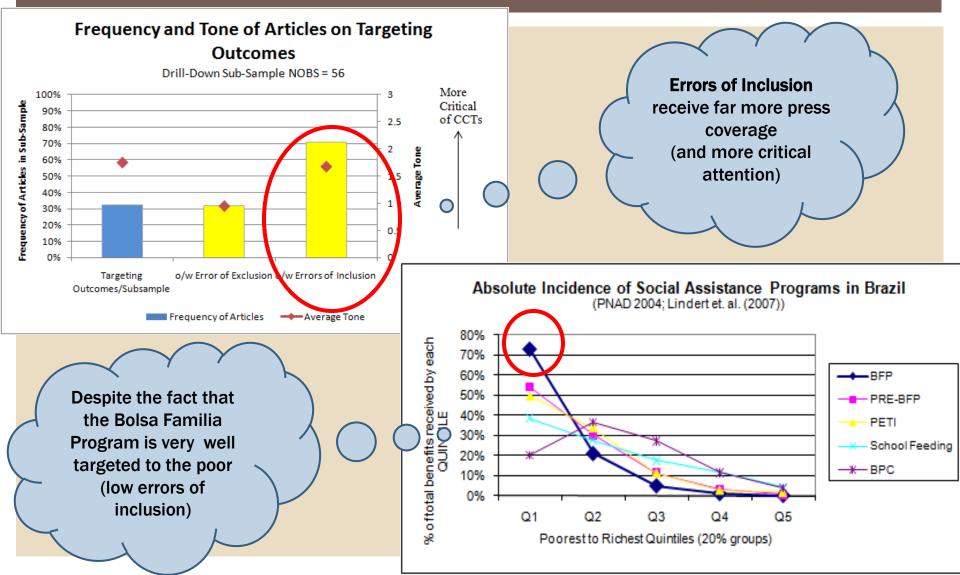
SSN TOPICS RECEIVING MOST ATTENTION IN THE PRESS: EVOLUTION



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TARGETING: WHICH ISSUE GETS MORE **ATTENTION IN THE PRESS? OR**, an non-poor family receiving the benefits of the A poor family program? without benefits? (Errors of Inclusion) (Errors of Exclusion) 47

ANSWER: ERRORS OF EXCLUSION GET MORE ATTENTION IN THE PRESS



MEDIA REPORTING: POLITICAL LIABILITY OF UNCHECKED FRAUD & ERRORS (QUALITY OF IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS!)

