



DFI was commissioned by Save the Children UK to provide research into current and projected trends in social protection expenditure which contributed to the newly launched report [A Chance to Grow](#)

. With the current global economic crisis hitting the poorest countries hardest, this report finds that promoting and strengthening social protection programmes can reduce child hunger and malnutrition, save lives and promote economic opportunities, and proposes a series of evidence-based recommendations to achieve this goal.