

WRITTEN QUESTION P-7117/08
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to the Commission

Subject: The effects of the food crisis on children

Is the Commission aware of recent research which provides evidence that cash transfers to poor people have the potential to speed up progress towards achieving MDG 1, and also reduce child malnutrition by supporting households who are suddenly exposed to acute food insecurity? In the context of the current food crisis, how is the Commission responding to the evidence of the impact of cash transfers and other social protection schemes?

Clearly, there is a consensus that the prevention of chronic malnutrition among infants is critical if we are to reduce mortality and morbidity. Would the Commission confirm that tackling chronic malnutrition should be a priority, and furthermore could the Commission provide evidence of the seriousness which it attaches to this issue?