Agenda Item 6: Social Benefits and Non-Exchange Expenses

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Summary of Responses
Specific Matter for Comment 1:
Do you agree with the scope of this Exposure Draft, and specifically the exclusion of universally accessible services for the reasons given in paragraph BC21(c)?
If not, what changes to the scope would you make?

Number of Respondents

- Agree
- Partially Agree
- Disagree
- No Comment
Issues Raised

- Boundary between social benefits, universally accessible services and collective services
- Scope issues related to elements of the definitions
- Scope issues related to GFS

The IPSASB is asked whether it agrees with the staff recommendation not to change the scope of the project; and if not, what changes should be made.
Social benefits are provided to:

(a) Specific individuals and/or households who meet eligibility criteria;

(b) Mitigate the effect of social risks; and

(c) Address the needs of society as a whole; but

(d) Are not universally accessible services.
# Definition – Social Benefits (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

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The IPSASB will be specifically asked whether it supports the classification approach based on how benefits are provided, as well as the proposals in respect of the social benefits definition to:

- Retain references to social risks, while providing guidance on disaster relief in IPSAS 19;
- Remove references to eligibility criteria; and
- Remove references to universally accessible services.
Social risks are events or circumstances that:

(a) Relate to the characteristics of individuals and/or households – for example, age, health, poverty and employment status; and

(b) May adversely affect the welfare of individuals and/or households, either by imposing additional demands on their resources or by reducing their income.

Number of Respondents

- Agree
- Partially Agree
- Disagree
- No Comment
## Definition – Social Risks (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

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Definition – Universally Accessible Services (Agenda Item 6.2.2)

Universally accessible services are those that are made available by a government entity for all individuals and/or households to access, and where eligibility criteria (if any) are not related to social risk.

Number of Respondents

- Agree
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Collective services are services provided simultaneously to all members of the community. The provision of a collective service to one individual does not reduce the amount available to others.