

Collation of relevant measures and literature

This file contains a collation of relevant measures: (sheet: **National interventions**; sheet: **State interventions**) and measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic (sheet: **Interventions COVID-19**) targeting the reduction of social exclusion and child poverty.

The **legend** gives a brief definition to the described categories and criteria in the tables.

The different collations are qualified by the criteria elaborated on in the inception report.

Legend

Interventions

No.	Title of measure	Timeline	Ongoing (2021)	Financial resource	Description of the measure	Level and type of intervention	Responsible governmental unit I	Responsible governmental unit II	Responsible party (in 2021)	Description of implementation	Regional scope	Key area	Target group	Type of service	Level of integration	Integrated approach	Ensuring access of children in need	Contribution to EU CG	Evaluated practice	Methodology	Sources (general information)	Additional available research/	Reference
ongoing	title of the intervention in German with corresponding abbreviation and an English translation	date the measure was introduced/ adopted or period the measure was active	indication (x) whether the intervention is still active in 2021	budgetary information	brief description of the intervention	level the decision was adopted and indication of the type of intervention (e.g. federal programme, initiative etc.)	governmental unit (e.g. ministry) responsible for the implementation of the intervention	division of governmental unit responsible for the implementation of the intervention	party of federal minister responsible for the implementation of the intervention as of 2021	brief description of how the intervention is implemented	in terms of spatial scope or level where the intervention is implemented	referring to the key areas outlined in the CG	referring to the specific target groups addressed	characterisation of the service offered	in terms of the intervention's focus: Aiming at improving individual living conditions Aiming at improving structural conditions Aiming at improving organisational conditions	indication (x) / assessment whether the approach is integrated (according to the definition stated in the inception report)	indication (x) / assessment whether the intervention contributes to ensuring access to children in need to services	indication (x) / assessment whether the intervention contributes to the EU CG	indication (x) whether the measure is evaluated (evaluated practice)	brief description of the pursued methodology (of the evaluation)	Link to the general information on the intervention or to published evaluations	Link to additional research or scientific data on the intervention	Source of information, e.g. provided by UNICEF ECARO, desk top research, comment inception report

Additional criteria at state level

Bundesland	New/Old Bundesland	At-risk-of-poverty rate	level of outreach (measure)
Federal state of the measure	Information whether the federal state is a new or an old federal state	To identify monetary poverty at state level. The national average amounts 15.9% in 2021	in terms of the intervention's focus: Aiming at improving individual living conditions Aiming at improving structural conditions Aiming at improving organisational conditions

Literature Collection

No.	Title	Date	Authorship	Editor	Document type	Content	Type of information	Contextualising literature	Best practices	Enabling factor	Regional scope	Key area	Target group	Research-based	Evaluation and monitoring	Indicators	Source	Reference
ongoing	title of the publication in German/ English depending on the source	date of publication	author of the publication/ source	editor of the publication/ source	indication of the type of publication e.g. report, position paper etc.	brief description of the content addressed	indication of the type or source of information:	characterisation of the publication's content: descriptive analytical formative	indication (x) whether the publication refers to best practices	indication (x) whether the publication refers to framework conditions	in terms of spatial scope e.g. European/ Global/ Federal	referring to the key areas outlined in the CG	referring to the specific target groups addressed	indication (x) whether the publication is based on empirical data or scientifically founded	indication (x) whether the publication contains evaluation of monitoring aspects	indication (x) of availability of information on specific indicators used for the evaluation or monitoring	Link to the publication/ source	Source of information, e.g. provided by UNICEF ECARO, desk top research, comment inception report
							(Governmental) data and publications on policies, programmes, and measures as well as interventions implemented due to COVID-19											
							Publications from (scientific) framework contract partners and contractors											
							Publications from non-governmental institutions and civil society											
							Publications from research institutions											
							European (comparative) studies and strategy papers											

Other

- N/A no information available
- inapplicable
- + applicable

National interventions

21	Gesetz über die soziale Wohnraumförderung - Wohnraumförderungsgesetz (WoFG) Act on Promoting Social Housing	26 November 2019 (updated)	x	EUR 5 billion during current legislative period	The Social Housing Act regulates the promotion of housing construction and other measures to support households in the provision of rented housing, including housing used by cooperatives, and in the formation of owner-occupied housing (social housing promotion). The target group of social housing promotion is households that cannot adequately provide themselves with housing on the market and are dependent on support. Under these conditions, the promotion of rental housing supports in particular low-income households as well as families and other households with children, single parents, pregnant women, older people, disabled people, homeless people and other persons in need of assistance.	Federal law	BMI	Division SW II 5	CSU (Horst Seehofer)	The Act lays down the framework conditions for social housing in Germany, including definitions and certain regulations relating to eligibility for state-funded housing. The practical implementation is within the responsibilities of the states. Therefore, the federal government provides the state with EUR 5 billion for the construction of social housing during the current legislative period. Together with the funds provided by the state and the municipalities, this will make it possible to create more than 100,000 additional social housing units.	Federal State (practical implementation)	Housing	Tenants with low income thus children in precarious situations, children with migrant background, children with disabilities.	Financial support	Aiming at improving structural and individual living conditions.	-	The benefit supports families in precarious situations and can be seen as an enabling factor, but does not have a preventive effect.	Indirectly	N/A	N/A	N/A - generally a measure which will be evaluated	General: https://www.bmwi.de/SharedDocs/DE/Presse/pm/2019/11/20191109-wohngesetz.html?__blob=publicationFile	N/A	country report
22	Finanzhilfen des Bundes im Bereich des sozialen Wohnungbaus Financial Assistance in the Field of Social Housing Construction	2020-2024	x	EUR 1 billion per year between 2020 - 2024	With the act on the amendment of the constitution, which became effective on 4th of April 2019, the federal government will grant the states earmarked financial assistance for social housing construction from 2020 onwards within the framework of an administrative agreement. For the period 2020 to 2024, the federal government has earmarked EUR 1 billion annually for this purpose. The form of the financial assistance will be regulated for each programme year in an administrative agreement with the state.	Federal (administrative) agreement	BMI	Division SW II 5	CSU (Horst Seehofer)	The amount of financial assistance will be regulated for each programme year in an administrative agreement with the individual states.	State	Housing	Generally all tenants, specifically groups with lower income.	Financial support	Aiming at improving structural and individual living conditions.	-	The benefit supports families in precarious situations and can be seen as an enabling factor, but does not have a preventive effect.	Indirectly	N/A	Planned	The funding guideline will be evaluated in cooperation with the states. The federal government and the state on a regular basis. In addition, annual reporting on the funding system is to be provided.	General: https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/Themen/Soziales/Wohnbau/Finanzhilfen/Finanzhilfen.html	N/A	desk top research
23	Mietpreisbremse Rental price cap	2015-2025	x	N/A	The rental price cap is a national law that was introduced with the objective of limiting the increase in rents in difficult housing markets and to ensure access to adequate housing i.e. for low income people. The law came into force in 2015 and was extended for an additional five years as part of the federal housing and tenancy package of 2019.	Federal law	BMI	N/A	CSU (Horst Seehofer)	The rental price cap only applies in areas with "official housing situation". The state determines which areas fall within this category. The areas may be designated for a maximum of five years.	Local	Housing	Generally all tenants, specifically groups with lower income.	Adequate housing	Aiming at improving structural and individual living conditions.	-	The benefit supports families in precarious situations and can be seen as an enabling factor, but does not have a preventive effect.	Indirectly	N/A	Evaluated practice	On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV), the implementation of the rental price cap was evaluated in 2018. The effects of the Mietpreisbremse on price formation as well as the effects on the supply of and demand for housing were specifically in the focus of the evaluation.	General: https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/Themen/Soziales/Wohnbau/Mietpreisbremse/Mietpreisbremse.html	N/A	country report
24	Wohn- und Mietpaket der Bundesregierung Federal Housing and Tenancy Package	18 August 2019	x	N/A	The Federal housing and tenancy package bundles several measures that aim at securing affordable housing or creating additional housing. The measures include: the extension of the rent index law; a proposal for a law to limit the conversion of rented flats into owner-occupied flats, as well as a decrease to reduce the brokerage costs for the purchase of residential property.	Federal measures	BMI	Division SW II 1	CSU (Horst Seehofer)	The individual measures have legal force at federal level. The implementation, e.g. in the case of the rental price cap, will proceed at state level.	Federal	Housing	Generally all tenants, specifically groups with lower income.	Adequate housing	Aiming at improving structural and individual living conditions.	-	The benefit supports families in precarious situations and can be seen as an enabling factor, but does not have a preventive effect.	These measures may improve indirectly adequate housing for children in precarious family situations.	N/A	N/A - generally a measure which will be evaluated	General: https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/wohn-und-mietpaket-147994	N/A	country report	
25	Bauleistungslohn Housing child benefit	01 January 2018	x	N/A	The housing child benefit is a nationwide federal state subsidy for the construction or purchase of a home which is paid for over a period of ten years. Depending on the number of children, families up to certain income levels are obliged to apply for the premium.	Federal grant	BMI	Division SW II 2	CSU (Horst Seehofer)	The support is provided for the period of ten years in the form of a grant of EUR 3,200 per year for each child under the age of 18. The grant is paid out by the KfW.	Federal	Housing	Families or single parents with children under the age of 18 years, who bought a property or plan to build a house between 01.01.2018 and 31.03.2021	Financial support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	No	No	No	In progress	The programme is being evaluated by the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) since August 2020.	General: https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/Themen/Soziales/Wohnbau/Bauleistungslohn/Bauleistungslohn.html	N/A	country report
26	Vernetzungsteil Kitas- und Schulkafeterien in den Bundesländern Coordination Offices for Day Care and School Catering	2008	x	N/A	As an initial measure of the national action plan IN FORM, the BMEL, together with all the states, set up the coordination centres for school nutrition in 2008. A central task of all coordination offices is to communicate the "Quality Standard for School Health" of the German Nutrition Society (DGE) and to promote its use in schools through advisory and qualification measures. Another important field of activity is the establishment of regional networks of administration, school administrators and catering providers as well as teachers and parents in order to bundle and coordinate measures for an improvement of school catering.	Federal strategy	BMEL	Division 212	CDU (Jula Klöckner)	The coordination offices support day care centres and schools in the provision of healthy catering services. The coordination offices in the state are run by associations, DGE sections, consumer centres, agencies and ministries. Until the end of 2016, the coordination offices were funded by the BMEL together with the respective federal states. In the meantime, all coordination offices receive basic funding from the state ministries. The BMEL supports individual projects of the networking centres within the framework of grants.	State	Nutrition	All children	Children in Germany 19,078,000 in 2019	Financial support	Aiming at improving organisational conditions.	The programme supports the cooperation of different stakeholders and the establishment of regional networks of administration, school administrators and catering providers.	The programme promotes the development of preventive structures in the field of nutrition and hence improves effective access to meals.	The programme promotes the development of preventive structures in the field of nutrition.	N/A	N/A - generally a measure which will be evaluated	General: https://www.bmel.de/DE/Themen/ernaehrung/gesunde_ernaehrung/kitas-und-schulkafeterien/koordinationsstellen_schulverpflegung.html	N/A	country report
27	Gesetz zur Stärkung der Gesundheitsförderung und der Prävention - Präventionsgesetz (PräVG) Act on Strengthening Health Promotion and Prevention - Prevention Act	25 July 2015	x	Financial support for health self-help was increased by around EUR 30 million through the Prevention Act. The annual funding available from the health insurance funds is set by law.	The Prevention Act improves the foundation for cooperation between social insurance institutions, the state and local authorities in the areas of prevention and health promotion - for all age groups and in many areas of life. The Prevention Act further aims to strengthen the role of doctors in prevention. Families and children with special support needs should be informed about local and regional support and counselling services, e.g. early intervention services, as part of the health check-ups.	Federal law	BMG	Division 322	CDU (Jens Spahn)	The statutory health insurance funds should provide services for preventive health care. The Prevention Act creates an institutional structure to ensure stronger goal orientation and effective coordination of action in prevention policy. At the centre of this structure is a joint national prevention strategy (Sect. 208 SGB V). This prevention strategy is to be formulated in the form of nationally uniform, inter-agency framework recommendations on health promotion and prevention, as well as the preparation of a prevention report.	Federal	Health	General; children with support needs	Health promotion	Aiming at improving structural conditions.	The law proposes and enables cooperations between social insurance institutions, the state and local authorities in the areas of prevention and health promotion.	No	The law promotes the development of preventive structures in the field of health, but it does not contribute to the prevention of child poverty, but rather addresses the consequences.	N/A	N/A	A programmatic evaluation is to be performed.	General: https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/service/hygiene-und-kita-koordinationsstellen.html	N/A	country report
28	Eckpunktepapier "Gesunde Ernährung und Bewegung - Schlüssel für mehr Lebensqualität" Key points paper "Healthy nutrition and exercise - the key to more quality of life"	09 May 2007	no	N/A	The paper identifies the need for action on health and nutrition policy in the area of preventive health care in Germany and describes the cornerstones of a national action plan.	Federal strategy	BMEL	N/A	CDU (Jula Klöckner)	Following the paper, the BMEL and the BMG will present a National Action Plan with the involvement of the ministries concerned. This will describe concrete steps and measures to reverse the trend and stop the increase in obesity and related diseases in all population groups, can be stopped. The National Action Plan will be coordinated with the state and municipalities in order to include their diverse activities and to better coordinate all measures. For this purpose, appropriate working structures, such as an interministerial working group and a federal-state working group.	State Local	Health, nutrition	General	Health promotion	Aiming at improving structural conditions.	Integrated at governance level (creates synergies)	No	The paper highlights the relevance of healthy eating, especially for disadvantaged groups. However, the strategic relevance for the CG is rather low.	N/A - not applicable	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.gesundheit.de/SharedDocs/DE/Presse/pm/2007/05/07_05_09_ernaehrung_bewegung.html?__blob=publicationFile	N/A	country report
29	DGE-Qualitätsstandard für die Verpflegung in Kitas / DGE-Qualitätsstandard für die Verpflegung in Kitas DGE - Quality Standard for Day Care Catering / DGE - Quality Standard for Day Care Catering	November 2020 (5th edition)	x	N/A	Health-promoting and sustainable school catering that is equally accessible to children and young people from all parts of our society is of great importance. This makes school a central place for prevention and health promotion. Many pupils are reached and can benefit from it. As part of the IN FORM project "Schule-Klassen - Netz 1" the German Nutrition Society (DGE) developed together with representatives from science, practice and the state, the quality standard for school catering on behalf of the BMEL. The DGE quality standard was revised in 2020 according to the latest scientific findings with a focus on health promotion and sustainability. The aim of the DGE quality standard for school catering is to support those responsible for the implementation of a balanced and needs-based catering offer at school. The standard serves as a practice-oriented aid, the contents of which are regularly updated on the basis of scientific data.	Federal quality standard	BMEL	Sub-Department 21	CDU (Jula Klöckner)	Facilities can be externally audited according to the DGE quality standard and receive a certificate for their offer if they meet the quality criteria of the certification authority.	Federal	Nutrition	All children and adolescents in education	Health promotion	Aiming at improving structural conditions.	-	-	The standard aims to anchor healthy nutrition structurally and therefore acts as an enabling factor.	N/A - not applicable	The quality standard is revised by nutrition experts on a regular basis.	General: https://www.schulekitaessen.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-medien/DGE-Qualitaetsstandard_Schule.pdf	N/A	desk top research	
30	Nationales Gesundheitsziel "Gesundheit rund um die Geburt" National health target "Health around birth"	February 2017	x	The measures are financed through the funds of the actors involved in the network.	In five sections, the national health target formulates objectives, sub-objectives and recommendations for pregnancy, birth, the postpartum period, the development phase in the first year of life after the birth of the child, as well as living environments and general conditions.	Federal strategy	BMG	N/A	CDU (Jens Spahn)	The practical implementation of the measures is the responsibility of the more than 120 individual actors in the "gesundheitsziele.de" network. The network is based on a participatory approach, thus creating good preconditions for a broad acceptance of the results.	Federal	Health	Families; women during pregnancy or around birth	Health promotion	Aiming at improving structural conditions.	The approach targets children and their families in a very early stage of parenthood	The national target contributes to systematically anchoring health promotion and prevention measures in structures and targeting the needs of children and young parents.	-	N/A	On the basis of an analysis of the initial situation, common goals and sub-goals are defined and recommendations for implementation measures are given. An evaluation of individual goals and measures from the strategy paper is intended.	General: https://gesundheitsziele.de/cms/medien/1330/F17486_broschuere_gebuert_07_2017_de.pdf	N/A	desk top research	
31	Nationales Gesundheitsziel "Gesund aufwachsen" National Health Goal "Growing Up Healthy"	2003 (publication) 2010 (update)	x	The measures are financed through the funds of the actors involved in the network.	The target concept comprises ten overall objectives that are geared towards the health-oriented development of the three living environments of family and its environment, day care centres and schools. The promotion of equal health opportunities is named as an essential cross-sectional requirement.	Federal strategy	BMG	N/A	CDU (Jens Spahn)	The practical implementation of the measures is the responsibility of the more than 120 individual actors in the "gesundheitsziele.de" network.	Federal	Health	All children and adolescents	Health promotion	Aiming at improving structural conditions.	The approach targets children and adolescents and combines supportive as well as preventive measures (integrated at service level).	The national target contributes to systematically anchoring health promotion and prevention measures in structures and targeting the needs of children and adolescents.	-	In progress	For the update of the health goal, first the current degree of goal achievement was mapped. In a second step, the content of the health goal was revised, integrating new findings from health reporting. Several evaluations of individual goals and measures from the strategy paper have already been carried out. The setting approach "health promoting day care centres" is currently being evaluated. The monitoring of individual objectives and measures from the strategy paper is intended.	General: https://gesundheitsziele.de/cms/medien/7101/Healthziele_Gesundheit_aufwachsende_2018.pdf	N/A	desk top research	
32	Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung Statutory Health Insurance	1989 (SGB V)	x	N/A	The statutory health insurance constitutes a form of health insurance and is an essential part of the German health care system as well as part of the social insurance system. In accordance with the principle of solidarity, the assessment of contributions in statutory health insurance is based on a fixed contribution rate dependent on the income subject to contributions. The aim of the statutory health insurance is to largely cover a general life risk of the insured person against medical costs that are unbearable for him or her and would overburden him or her financially.	Federal law	BMAS	Department IV	SPD (Hubertus Heil)	All insured persons have the same entitlement to benefits, the scope of which is laid down in Social Code Book V. The health insurance providers (Krankenkassen) supply the services according to the "Sachleistungsprinzip".	Federal	Health	According to Sect. 5 Social Code Book V, certain groups of persons are compulsorily insured in the statutory health insurance.	Insurance	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	-	The insurance forms an important part of the basic welfare, however it does not work towards the prevention of child poverty.	-	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/gkv.html	N/A	country report
33	Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung Statutory Accident Insurance	1996 (SGB VII)	x	N/A	The statutory accident insurance is part of the social insurance system. Its purpose is to prevent occupational accidents, occupational diseases and work-related health hazards and to restore the health and occupational performance of insured persons after the occurrence of insured events.	Federal service	BMAS	Division IV a 4	SPD (Hubertus Heil)	As a result of an insured event within the meaning of Social Code Book VII, various statutory cash benefits can be claimed, including, for example, care allowance in the event of a considerable need for assistance (Sect. 44 SGB VII). In addition, insured persons have a comprehensive entitlement to benefits in kind or services, including outpatient and inpatient medical treatment, psychotherapy, home nursing care, household assistance, participation benefits, remedies and aids.	Federal	Health	According to Sect. 2 Social Code Book VII, certain groups of persons are compulsorily insured in the statutory accident insurance.	Insurance	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	-	The insurance forms an important part of the basic welfare, however it does not work towards the prevention of child poverty.	-	N/A	A wide range of prevention services developed within the framework of the statutory accident insurance are regularly and systematically evaluated with regard to their effectiveness.	General: https://www.gkv.de/de/faq/faq-träger/arbeitnehmer/gesetzliche-uv/index.htm	N/A	country report
34	Mehrbedarf Additional Benefits	N/A	x	N/A	For increased financial needs that cannot be covered by the usual level of benefits ("Regelbedarf"), so-called additional benefits can be granted. The additional benefits are intended to cover typical needs that are not covered by the standard benefit. The following additional benefits are distinguished: -additional benefits for expectant mothers, -additional benefits for single parents, -additional benefits for persons with a disability, -additional benefits for costly food, -additional benefits for unavoidable special needs, -additional benefits for decentralized hot water. Those additional benefits can be granted within the framework of SGB II and SGB XII. Those who receive benefits under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act may be entitled as well. They may apply for additional benefits for expectant mothers or single parents.	Federal law	BMAS	Division V b 1	SPD (Hubertus Heil)	The additional need is paid to eligible persons on a monthly basis. Additional need for cost-intensive nutrition are delivered under Sect. 21 Social Code Book II	Federal	Health	All persons with disabilities; persons with disabilities living in precarious situations	Financial support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	-	The benefit forms an important part of the basic welfare and provides targeted support to low income families.	By considering target groups	N/A	N/A - generally a measure which will be evaluated	General: https://www.bavtlv.org/mehrbedarf.html	N/A	country report

No.	Title of measure	Timeline	Ongoing (2021)	Financial resources	Description of the measure	Level and type of intervention	Responsible governmental unit (2021)	Gov. department II	Responsible party (in 2021)	Description of implementation	Regional scope	Key area	Target group	Type of service	Level of integration	Integrated approach	Ensuring access of children in need	Contribution to EU CG	Evaluated practice	Methodology	Sources (general information and evaluations)	Additional available research/data	Reference
1	Aktionsprogramm Aufholen nach Corona für Kinder und Jugendliche <i>Action programme Catching up with Corona for children and young people</i>	Decision 27 May 2021, implementation started 15 July 2021	x	EUR 2 billion for 2021 and 2022	To accompany children and young people on their way back to a carefree upbringing and to support them in catching up on learning, the Federal Government is investing EUR 2 billion. It consists of a catch-up programme for pandemic-related learning arrears and a comprehensive package of measures to support young people's social skills and general personality development. The 4 pillars of the programme are: 1. reduction of learning arrears (1 billion); 2. measures to promote early childhood education (Sprach-KITas and Bundesstiftung Frühe Hilfen) (150 million); 3. support for holiday camps and extracurricular activities (530 million); 4. accompanying and strengthening children and young people in everyday life and at school (320 million). -Kinderfreizeitbonus (children's leisure bonus): The children's leisure bonus of EUR 100 per child is available to underaged children and young people from families in need and families with low incomes who receive benefits according to SCB II, SCB XII, AsylbLG, BvG, child supplement or housing benefit in August 2021. It can be used individually for holiday, sports and leisure activities. -Lernförderung über BuT ohne gesonderten Antrag (no separate application for learning support): Learning support for children and young people from the education and participation package is to be made more accessible. The separate application for learning support will be dropped from now until the end of 2023.	Federal programme Children's leisure bonus and learning support: regulated by federal law	BMFSFJ, BMBF and BMAS	-	SPD (Christine Lambrecht) CDU (Anja Karliczek)	The federal government implements new programmes and expands own existing programmes for this purpose, and provides targeted support for children from families in stressful living situations and with low incomes. In addition, an agreement was concluded with the states on the basis of which funds are made available.	Federal State	ECEC; education	Children from families in stressful living situations and with low incomes	Parent support and education	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	Yes	Partly	N/A	Not specified; generally a measure which will be evaluated.	General: https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelle-s/alle-meldungen/kinder-und-jugendliche-nach-der-corona-pandemie-staerken-178888 ; https://www.bmfsfj.de/files/BMFSFJ_Corona_Aufholpaket_Layou17_sa.pdf	N/A	desk top research
2	Mehrbedarf für unabwiesbare digitale Endgeräte zur Teilnahme am pandemiebedingten Distanz-Schulunterricht <i>Support for equipment for homeschooling</i>	February 2021, retroactive from January 2021	-	N/A	Immediate equipment programme of the federal government for socially disadvantaged children: Insofar as the pupils in question are not provided with digital terminals by their respective school, there is a one-time special need that goes beyond the standard Social Code Book II need (a subsidy of EUR 350). In principle, all pupils up to the age of 25 years who attend a general or vocational school and are in need of assistance within the meaning of Social Code Book II are eligible. Participation in distance schooling due to the pandemic is decisive. The job center on behalf of the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) checks whether there is a claim and distributes the payments to the families.	Federal programme social benefits (SCB II and XII)	BMAS	Department II	SPD (Hubertus Heil)	The job center on behalf of the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) checks whether there is a claim and distributes the payments (EUR 350) to the families	Federal	Education	Children living in precarious family situations and their parents	Financial support, education	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	Integrated at individual level, as it supports different children	Yes May facilitate free access to education	Partly Support for disadvantaged pupils, supports equal opportunities and participation	N/A	N/A	General: https://tacheles.sozialhilfe.de/faq/redakteur/Aktuelles/210209_Digitale_Endgeraete_SGB_XII_Infoanschreiben_an_Laender.pdf	N/A	desk top research
3	Entlastungsbetrag für Alleinerziehende <i>Relief for single parents</i>	21 December 2020	x	N/A	In order to provide targeted support for single parents, the income tax relief amount was initially increased from EUR 1,908 Euro to EUR 4,008 for the years 2020 and 2021. With the Annual Tax Act 2020, this significant improvement will be made permanent and will now also apply beyond 2021. The relief amount is an additional tax allowance that takes into account the special burdens of single parents - 90 per cent of whom are women. Single parents do not have to wait until they file their tax return to receive the tax benefit. They can take advantage of the relief directly with their income tax.	Federal Law	N/A	N/A	N/A	Annual Tax Act 2020 (Jahressteuergesetz 2020, S16c 2020)	Federal	Not specified	Single-parent families (Almost one million working single parents and their children benefit from the relief)	Financial support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	-	Partly	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/themen/corona-pandemie/finanzielle-unterstuetzung/faq-entlastungsbetrag-alleinerziehende-einkommenssteuer	N/A	desk top research
4	Sonderprogramm für soziale Infrastruktur durch Darlehen und Zuschüsse <i>Special programme for social infrastructure through loans and grants</i>	09 July 2020 (implementation from September 2020)	-	In total EUR 1 billion are provided by the Federal Government	Package of measures for the social infrastructure, in particular for non-profit organisations supporting the child and youth welfare system, with three pillars: • Support through loans • Bridging aid in the form of grants • Structural strengthening through a special programme for child and youth welfare services	Federal investment programme	BMFSFJ	Department 5	SPD (Christine Lambrecht)	The KW Special Loan Programme provides federal funds to support the states effectively and quickly in their measures to stabilise non-profit organisations. The Federal Government is providing EUR 1 billion for this purpose.	State	Not specified	Organisations and institutions in child and youth welfare	Funding	Aiming at improving organisational conditions.	Partly	-	Indirectly	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/aktuelle-s/pressesmitteilungen/pressmitteilung-soziale-einrichtungen-und-strukturen-fuer-familien-kinder-und-jugendliche-in-der-krise-absichern-158438	N/A	desk top research
5	Warmes Mittagessen trotz Schließungen - Sozialschutzpaket II <i>Hot lunch despite closures - Social Protection Package II</i>	05 January 2020, extension until December 2021 under Social Protection Package III	x	N/A	The Social Protection Package II (Sozialschutzpaket II) is intended to stifle the social consequences of the pandemic. Among other things, municipalities can now provide free communal lunch to children from families receiving social benefits according to Social Code Book II and XII, AsylbLG, Bundesversorgungsgesetz (BVG), child supplement or housing benefit, or children may collect it at corresponding focal points. They are entitled to a BuT (Education and Participation, Bildung und Teilhabe) benefit in schools or day-care centers.	Federal programme complementing social benefits (SCB II)	BMAS	Division II a 2	SPD (Hubertus Heil)	law at federal level, implementation in municipalities	Local	Nutrition (school and day-care)	Children living in precarious family situations and their parents	Nutritional support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	Yes - contributes to free access to a (warm) meal	Partly	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Gesetzgebung/sozialschutzpaket2.html	N/A	desk top research
6	Bund-Länder-Vereinbarung zur Ausleihe von digitalen Endgeräten <i>Joint agreement for support for equipment for homeschooling</i>	15 May 2020	x	A total of EUR 500 million are provided by the BMBF The states supplement the fund with a 10 per cent deductible share	In April 2020, DigitalPakt Schule was extended by EUR 500 million as part of an emergency equipment programme to support schools to lend digital devices to pupils from low income households aiming at compensating for social imbalances jeopardizing teaching objectives	Federal programme (joint) (Zusatzvereinbarung zum DigitalPakt Schule)				Funds went to schools, and not directly to the children and young people. Accordingly, schools are to use these funds for the purchase of digital devices on the one hand, and for commissioning, for necessary accessories and for establishing a suitable pedagogical framework on the other.	Federal State	Education	School children living in low income households	Educational support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	Integrated at governance level	Yes May facilitate free access to education	Partly Support for disadvantaged pupils, supports equal opportunities and participation	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bmfsfj.de/de/karliczek-500-millionen-fuer-schuelergeraete-koennen-fluessen-12016.html	N/A	desk top research
7	Kinderbonus <i>Child Bonus</i>	23 April 2020	singular with several repetitions	N/A	The child bonus 2021 amounts to EUR 150 per child. It was mainly paid in May for all children who are entitled to child benefit (Kindergeld). The child bonus 2020 of EUR 300 for each child, which was decided in mid-June 2020, was mainly paid in September and October 2020. The child bonus remains free of charge in the social security systems. The nationwide Child Bonus is paid out by the Family Benefits Office (Familienkasse), so that no separate application to the Family Benefits Office is necessary in addition to the initial application for child benefit (Kindergeld).	Federal programme complementing social benefits (Social Code Book II) Federal recovery/stimulus plan (Konjunkturpaket)	BMF	Division IV C8	SPD (Olaf Scholz)	The special payment for 2021 was decided within the framework of the Third Corona Tax Assistance Act of 10.03.2021 (BGBl. I p. 330). The special payment for 2020 was decided within the framework of the Second Corona Tax Assistance Act of 29.06.2020 (Zweites Corona-Steuerhilfegesetz) (BGBl. I S. 1512).	Federal	Not specified	Families with children (everyone eligible for Kindergeld)	Financial support	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	Yes	Partly	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/familie-und-kinder/kinderbonus	N/A	desk top research
8	Vereinfachter Zugang zum Kinderzuschlag - Sozialschutzpaket I <i>Simplified access to the child supplement - Social Protection Package I</i>	March 2020	-	N/A	Families whose income was reduced due to short-time work, unemployment benefit or lower income should have had easier access to the child supplement. As an exception, the examination of the child supplement was to be based on the income in the last month before the application. This applied to cases in which the period for granting child supplement started between April and September 2020. In addition, the consideration of assets will be suspended for a limited period to make the benefit less bureaucratic and to make it easier to deal with current emergency situations. This regulation applies until 31 December 2021.	Federal law	BMFSFJ	Division 212	SPD	The Social protection package I (Sozialschutzpaket I) is intended to mitigate social and economic consequences of the pandemic, among other things it facilitates the access to the child supplement (Kinderzuschlag, Notfall-KiZ) (emergency child supplement).	Federal	Not specified	Families whose income was suddenly reduced due to short-time work, unemployment benefits or lower income and who therefore became eligible to apply for child supplement.	Simplified access	Aiming at improving individual living conditions.	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	General: https://www.bmas.de/DE/Service/Gesetzgebung/sozialschutzpaket.html	N/A	comment one pager