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You don't necessarily  
need an electronic MIS  
for a Social Protection  
Program

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'A MIS is  
a database'

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Management  
Information Systems  
are a simple way to  
improve SP program  
processes

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The design of an MIS  
can be fully outsourced  
to IT developers

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Your MIS  
solution should be  
context specific

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Program MISs  
always support all of  
the SP administrative  
functions, including:  
Registration and  
enrollment of  
beneficiaries,  
payments/delivery,  
complaints and appeals,  
monitoring and  
evaluation, conditionality  
compliance, etc.

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Program MISs  
ensure transparency  
and good governance  
of Social Protection  
Programs

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Databases linked to an  
MIS need to store huge  
amounts of data in  
order to be useful

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In remote areas  
where there is limited  
internet access, an MIS  
will not work

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An MIS can  
really support  
decision making and  
management but it  
needs to be carefully  
designed to do this

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Depending on  
your country's  
institutional,  
technological  
and operational  
considerations;  
international best  
practice may not  
be the appropriate  
solution when  
designing an MIS

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Once your  
MIS is designed, no  
further design work is  
necessary

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