

## PREFACE

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This IDS Bulletin on 'Linking Relief and Development' has grown out of a workshop, held at the IDS in March, 1994, and organized by the IDS Food Security Unit. The workshop brought together people with different perspectives on the issue, from African governments, donors, NGOs and the academic community. The discussion focused mainly on African cases, but drew many lessons from the wider experience, especially in South Asia. It touched on conceptual issues and questions of methodology, as well as practical problems in managing relief, rehabilitation and development programmes. A report on the workshop has been published<sup>1</sup>. An annotated bibliography is in preparation.

The ten papers presented to the workshop have been revised for the Bulletin. In addition, five donor representatives have contributed papers, written in their personal capacity, on the perspectives of their agencies. The outcome, we hope, is a comprehensive review of the state of the art, which identifies both practical proposals and a research agenda.

The Food Security Unit will continue to work on the issues raised in the workshop and reflected in the Bulletin. We would welcome correspondence on the topic.

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<sup>1</sup> Ross, J., Maxwell S., and Buchanan-Smith, M., 'Linking Relief and Development' IDS Discussion Paper No 344, Brighton: IDS