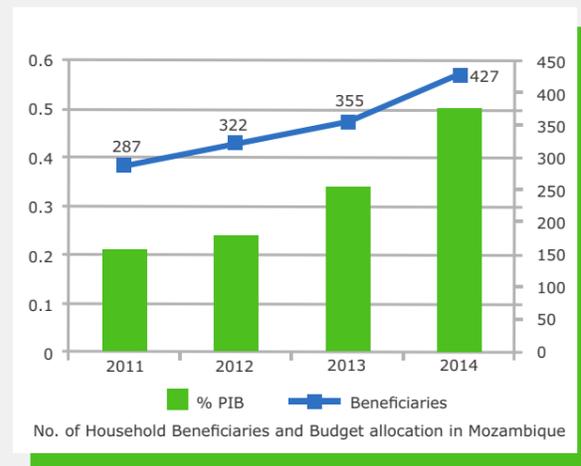




Most of the countries in the region, as part of the development of National Social Protection Floors are involved in the development of social protection operation systems, including elements such as Management and Information Systems; the upgrade of existing payment mechanisms and the development of innovative data collection mechanism. Directly or through partnerships with other UN Agencies the Project is supporting Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi in this important effort.

Gradually the region is witnessing a growing consensus around Social Protection, with a shift from a pilot/donor funded logic towards a more systematic approach with increasing national ownership.

- In Mozambique the Government allocation to INAS Programs increased from 0,21% of GDP in 2011 to 0,5% of GDP in 2014, corresponding to the coverage of 427,000 households.
- In Zambia the coverage from the Social Cash Transfer increased from 60'000 Households benefitting in 2013 in 19 Districts to 145'000 Households in 50 Districts in 2014, as an increase of 800% in Government allocation to the Program in 2014
- The coverage of the Malawian Social Cash Transfer has increased rapidly from a pilot of 3,700 households to more than 76,000 households in 11 districts in February 2015. Seven more districts are currently targeted, ensuring that the programme will reach 18 out of all 28 districts by mid 2015.



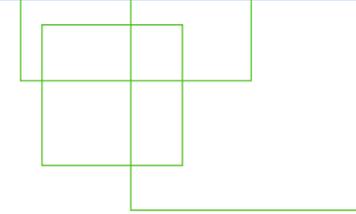
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Social Security and an adequate standard of living are **human rights** recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

It contributes to sustainable economic growth by raising labour productivity, empowering people to find decent jobs, stabilizing aggregate demand and stimulating local economies.

Irish Aid and ILO share this vision and signed an agreement to collaborate on implementing the Project "Building National Floors of Social Protection in Southern Africa".

The Project draws on international and regional expertise to provide technical support and lessons from the region in implementing **basic social protection guarantees**.

It provides **technical assistance** to the on-going processes of national dialogue for implementing the building blocks of domestically owned and funded national social protection floors.

Grounded in a regional peer **learning process**, the Project delivers practical assistance with economic feasibility studies, legal expertise, and advice on the governance of implementing **national social protection floors**.

To expand social protection to those without adequate protection, all ILO member States adopted in June 2012 the Recommendation concerning national floors of social protection, 2012 (No. 202).

Social Protection Floors are nationally defined sets of at least four basic social security guarantees that ensure basic income security for all and access to universal essential health care.

Countries should also progressively provide higher levels of coverage to as many people as possible.

Project Developmental Objective/Outcome

At the end of the project, more people have access to a nationally defined set of gender, HIV/AIDS sensitive social protection guarantees within a more efficient and coherent national social security system.

The project will assist countries by:

- establishing or improving national social protection policies and programmes which are in line with R.202, through technical assistance and studies
- nurturing and facilitating evidence based national social dialogue processes
- transfer of knowledge from countries with good experience and good record in establishing national social protection floors



Partnerships

An important element of the Project strategy is around the development of partnerships, inspired by outcomes of the UN Joint Program in Mozambique, where a clear division of work led to increased impact.

- **Macro:** At the policy level, the ILO has played a key role in supporting the policy design process and costing of policy options, resulting in the development of comprehensive legal and policy framework for social protection.
- **Meso:** At the systems level, UNICEF's support has been instrumental in enhancing the managerial capacity of government through the development of a new business model, including new standard operating procedures related to targeting, payment, case management, and monitoring and evaluation.
- **Micro:** At the implementation level, WFP has played an important role in piloting alternative implementation mechanisms.



Training Curriculum on Principles and Mechanism for Implementing and Monitoring Non Contributory Social Protection Programs

Recognizing that documentation and training on 'middle range' aspects of implementation is still scanty and patchy, the Project is developing an innovative training package to fill this gap. The package will be customized to the regional context and will be a joint exercise involving other UN Agencies, namely UNICEF.

SPF Assessment Based National Dialogue (ABND)

ABND is a participatory exercise aiming at assessing a country's situation in relation to the SPF and how it can be realistically extended to the various members of society. Policy gaps and implementation issues in the social protection system are identified. Recommendations for new or expanded social protection provisions are developed. ABND also estimates the financial commitment required to implement the SPF recommendations.

The process entails bilateral consultations, tripartite workshops, and technical seminars. A shared vision of a national social protection floor situation is progressively developed.



SP National Policies and the SPF ABND

The Project is collaborating in Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia in the development of policies/strategies to expand Social Protection coverage:

- In Mozambique it is supporting the review of the National Basic Social Security Strategy (ENSSB) 2010-2015. It is expected to lead to the expansion of coverage to new groups of population currently not covered.
- In Zambia the National Social Protection Policy (NSPP) was launched in 2014 creating a sound and comprehensive basis for SP. Based on the ABND methodology the UN is supporting the Government to develop an Integrated Framework for Social Protection Programs that should provide a more comprehensive plan for the expansion of SP
- In Malawi the review of the National Social Support Program is expected in 2016. The Project initiated a Social Protection Assessment that is expected to inform the national dialogue and inform policy options to be decided and designed in 2016.