

# BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



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## A UN 'FIT FOR PURPOSE'

Social protection floors have now been taken up as a priority of the 2030 Development Agenda. To deliver on this commitment, the UN system will need to offer practical solutions for implementation and monitoring. This will require integrating social protection floors into national development plans, which are then carried out by governments with the support of the UN system.

The Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPF-I), created in 2009, proposes an approach based on nearly a decade of experience in combining coordinated efforts at the country, regional and global levels. By working "as One" on social protection, agencies organize their roles linked to their core competencies, thereby improving the effectiveness of their assistance and tapping into the synergies of intelligent cooperation.

## THE SPF-I: A MULTI-LAYERED APPROACH

At the country level, agencies are asked to set up SPF working groups through UNCTs and integrate SPF into UNDAFs, UNPAFs and One-UN programmes. Agencies also carry out joint activities on social protection such as national dialogues, gap assessments, strengthening of national capacities and collection of statistical data.

At the regional level, the UNDG regional groupings may organize regional working groups on social protection to facilitate knowledge sharing, develop practical tools and provide support to UNCTs on capacity building.

At the global level, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda promotes social protection and its financing. As part of the SPF-I, a thematic financing window was created in October 2017 under the UN's Joint Fund for the 2030 Agenda, which encourages joint UN programming on a core set of interventions for building sustainable SPFs. A course on social protection for sustainable development has been developed in cooperation with the UN System Staff College and attended by several UN staff and country officials.



## DELIVERING AND LEARNING AS ONE: OVERVIEW



## SOCIAL PROTECTION INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION BOARD (SPIAC-B)

To complement joint technical activities in countries, the Social Protection Interagency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B) functions as an inter-agency coordination mechanism, composed of representatives of international organizations and bilateral development agencies. It enhances global coordination and advocacy on social protection issues and has developed a set of joint assessment tools that make up the Inter-agency Social Protection Assessment (ISPA).

## MAINSTREAMING SPFs IN THAILAND

In Thailand, social protection was chosen as one of the six key areas of partnership between the Royal Thai Government and the UN system within the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF).

This partnership, for the period 2012-2016, focuses on enhancing Thailand's capacity to provide universal basic social protection and higher level of benefits through contributory schemes, with the overall objective of ensuring the financial and institutional sustainability of the system.



## ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA TOGETHER WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO is committed to working with its UN partners to support countries in building integrated social protection systems. With your assistance, we can help more people across the world.

You can support us to:

- Develop and lead joint in-country activities such as national assessments, coordination and/or legal drafting exercises. Strengthen capacities of officials, social partners and civil society in social protection management.

US\$ 300,000 per country

- Document national and regional experiences, and develop good practices guides on social protection extension and UN cooperation. Create applied toolkits for integrated approaches to extend, deepen and improve performance of social protection systems.

US\$ 200,000 per year

- Carry out global and regional trainings for the UN system on integrated approaches for social protection technical assistance.

US\$ 100,000 per year

- Promote joint UN programming on core social protection systems building activities by supporting the SPF Window under the UN Joint Fund for the 2030 Agenda. To learn more, visit: <http://un.social-protection.org>.

US\$ 400,000 per year

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