

# BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE



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## ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR THE WORKING AGE

The working age population (15-64 years of age) represents two-thirds of the world's population. Persons in working age are in need of social protection when they face a number of contingencies that impact their capacity to secure an income, including unemployment, sickness, disability, employment injury, maternity or poverty.

The important role of social protection for the working age population was reinforced as one of the four lifecycle guarantees in the Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), which was adopted by 185 member States of the ILO and later endorsed by the G20 and the United Nations.

## PROTECTION IN CASE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment protection is not only needed to provide income security to those who are unemployed, but also to provide support for job placement, skills development and entrepreneurship. Unemployment protection prevents and reduces poverty, supports structural change in the economy and, in times of crisis, stabilizes aggregate demand and helps the economy to recover more quickly.

Today, only 12 per cent of unemployed workers worldwide actually receive unemployment benefits. This is a massive coverage gap.

Several countries have established unemployment insurance schemes for workers in the formal sector, such as Thailand in 2004 and Viet Nam in 2009.

Many countries are also exploring new ways to expand unemployment protection to those currently excluded from social security laws, such as the self-employed or own-account workers, contributing unpaid family workers and wage earners who work in small and medium-sized enterprises.



In 2005, India set up the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which entitles every rural household to a minimum of 100 days of paid work each year at the minimum wage rate. Currently, it provides unskilled manual work to 57.8 million adults from 38.9 million rural households, accounting for about 30 per cent of all rural households.

The Philippines has implemented the Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program, which provides short-term wage employment and facilitates entrepreneurship for people affected by natural calamities and economic shocks, as well as enrolls beneficiaries in social insurance.

Facing unprecedented levels of unemployment and job insecurity, Argentina launched an integrated programme in 2008 called Programa Jóvenes con Más y Mejor Trabajo (Young People with More and Better Work). The programme provides young people with income security and opportunities to increase their employability.

## THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SCHEME IN VIET NAM

The unemployment scheme in Viet Nam was launched in 2009. Today, it covers nearly 20 per cent of the workforce and has delivered unemployment benefits to over 700,000 persons.

The ILO, mainly with the support from the ILO/Japan Multilateral Programme, has provided technical support and capacity building services to the Government and social partners to continue improving the scheme.

Watch a video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7WJv1pV8zk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7WJv1pV8zk)



## FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO has extensive experience in helping countries to extend social protection to all people. Together, we can ensure that more working women and men across the world are adequately protected.

You can support us to:

- Conduct a feasibility study and facilitate a national dialogue on the design of an unemployment protection scheme.

[US\\$ 300,000 per year](#)

- Support legal and institutional reforms to improve unemployment insurance schemes based on actuarial evidence.

[US\\$ 100,000 per year](#)

- Build capacity and organize tailor-made trainings on unemployment protection.

[US\\$ 150,000 per year](#)

- Facilitate South-South cooperation and exchanges between countries on unemployment protection.

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- Document information and good practices for use by other countries.

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