

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN PAKISTAN



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EXTENDING SOCIAL PROTECTION COVERAGE

Pakistan implements several social protection programmes such as the Benazir Income Support Programme, Bait-ul-Mal, and Zakat, among others. The programmes usually reach out to only a limited number of people. Many of them operate without structured coordination that often results in duplication. Also, national capacities to implement, monitor and evaluate the programmes are low.

There is a need to increase the coverage of the existing programmes, improve the adequacy of benefits, and create coherence and coordination across social protection programmes and institutions.

IMPLEMENTING A SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PROVINCE

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province in Pakistan has a population of 27 million people and is one of the poorest in the country. 39 per cent of the people live below the poverty line and are in need of basic social transfers and services like health, education, food distribution, shelters, among others. 2.2 million, nearly 10 per cent of the population is constituted by refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Floods and earthquakes in KP are common. Decades of turmoil and civil insecurity with an influx of refugees from neighbouring Afghanistan threaten the social and economic development of the region. It makes the establishment of a national social protection floor (SPF) crucial.

With financial support from the Government of Japan, the ILO has actively supported the Provincial Government of KP in its efforts to set up a comprehensive social protection system, based on the concept of national SPFs in line with ILO's Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202).



In partnership with other social protection stakeholders (such as district government bodies, trade unions, employer organizations, civil society and development partners like UNICEF, WFP, UN Women and GIZ), ILO has conducted capacity building among local stakeholders, an assessment of the social protection situation and recommendations to achieve an SPF and develop a social protection policy, and a design and pilot testing of the District Implementation Model in KP province.

The Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is committed to putting in place a comprehensive social security system in the province, for the welfare of its citizens in both the long run and in the short run.

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FROM POLICY TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Improving social protection is a priority in Pakistan's One UN Programme 2013-17. Strategic Priority Area 4, Outcome 4.3 states "improving accountability and access to quality social protection and other services for excluded and vulnerable people". The extension of social protection is also a priority area identified in the ILO's Decent Work Country Programme for Pakistan.

With your help, we can extend social protection coverage to 27 million people living in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as well as to people in other provinces in Pakistan.

You can support us to:

- Rollout the District Implementation Model to all 25 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

US\$ 1,200,000

- Extend the Implementation Model to three other provinces.

US\$ 3,600,000

- Share the province's experience with other provinces, at the federal level, and with other countries through South-South cooperation.

US\$ 80,000

- Based on the social protection policy, design a context-specific social protection scheme for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through legal, financial and institutional feasibility studies.

US\$ 350,000

- Develop the legal framework to guarantee the sustainability of the social protection scheme in KP.

US\$ 150,000

- Build capacities of the Government and social partners to administer and monitor the social protection scheme in KP.

US\$ 300,000

- Develop a social protection education and awareness raising campaign.

US\$ 100,000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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