

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



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A PLURALITY OF APPROACHES THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE POPULATION

The Government's commitment to the extension of social protection is clearly stated in its national strategy adopted in 2005 and reflected in numerous schemes and initiatives implemented with the view to create a social protection floor. This strategy is being revised. Current policies are increasingly based on the National Strategy for Social and Economic Development - SNDES 2013-2017.

As regards the health sector, a Strategic Development Plan for Health Insurance Coverage 2013-2017, aligned with the SNDES 2013-2017, was officially launched in September 2013. Its implementation will be under the responsibility of the Universal Health Insurance Agency ("Agence de la Couverture Maladie Universelle" -CMU-), established in January 2015.

Civil servants and private sector workers are covered by mandatory social insurance. On a voluntary basis, mutual health organizations provide complementary protection to these workers and primary coverage to workers in the informal sector. Social assistance programmes support the poorest and most vulnerable segments of the population. According to the ILO World Social Protection Report, only 20.1 per cent of the population enjoyed social health protection in 2007.

The CMU Agency was instructed to take at the end of 2017, that proportion to 75 per cent.

IMPLEMENTING A SCHEME DEDICATED TO THE WORKERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY

Workers in the informal economy represent about 40 per cent of Senegalese workers not involved in the agricultural sector. In its efforts to promote extension of coverage and formalization, the Ministry in charge of labour and social protection, with support from the ILO, designed a simplified scheme for small contributors.



The scheme, which is based on global good practices, seeks to provide social inclusion for workers in the informal economy and support their transition towards formalization. Through this scheme, social protection will be available as a package (i.e. different benefits but only one contribution, including taxes) together with other public services related to the promotion of employment and enterprise development. The scheme is also an opportunity to further support efforts to formalize the employment of 2.4 million workers. The pilot phase is planned to be launched by mid-2017.

TRANSVIE, A HEALTH MUTUAL IN SENEGAL

In 2008, a health mutual was created for road transport workers, with technical support from the ILO. Transvie expanded from 800 members at its inception to 23,000 members (workers and their family members) in Dakar. In addition to health, new guarantees for accident, disability, and survivor benefits were gradually added.

Transvie has improved the health conditions for professional drivers. Now we have access to hospitals and health-care services to be treated. I used this opportunity many times for me and my family, paying only 20 per cent of the medical fees.



On Line 33, almost all of the 80 employees are affiliated to Transvie. But there are still some colleagues who do not know about it. So we should communicate about this health mutual to reach everyone.

- Amyd Moustapha Diop, a 40-year-old bus regulator in Dakar

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO has long-standing experience in supporting countries to provide and extend social protection. With your help, we can extend social protection to the workers in the informal sector and their families and make SDG 1.3 a reality.

With your support, we can:

- Support the development of a detailed design and legal framework for the scheme for small contributors.

US\$ 200.000 for 1 year

- Support the development of communication materials, impact evaluation protocols, processes, tools, and the management information system required to launch the scheme as a pilot programme.

US\$ 350.000 for 1 year

- Support the pilot implementation of the scheme and its impact evaluation.

US\$ 400.000

- Support the Government financially and technically to roll out the scheme with strong sensitization and communication, and extend its coverage to new populations and areas.

US\$ 200.000 per year

- Build the capacities of the scheme's staff to administer and monitor the scheme for small contributors.

US\$ 200.000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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