

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF OLDER PERSONS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



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PROTECTION GAPS

The population aged 60 years or above, currently accounting for about 10 per cent of the region's population, will reach 27 per cent by 2060. In many Asian countries, providing adequate protection to all older persons is already a challenge.

In most countries only civil servants and a minority of private sector employees contribute to the social security system and are thereby entitled to old-age pensions. The ILO estimates that the legal coverage under contributory pension schemes in Asia and the Pacific stands at only 28 per cent of the working age population. Extending old-age pensions through voluntary schemes to the informal sector has had limited success with only 2 per cent of the working age population covered by voluntary schemes. With reduced fertility rates, increased life expectancy, and migration of rural workers, income security for the elderly can no longer rely entirely on informal arrangements within the extended family.

In addition, the number of older persons in need of long-term care (LTC) is expected to grow significantly in all countries. Despite the expected need, the majority of countries in the region currently do not provide any LTC protection.

SUPPORTING INCOME SECURITY AND ADEQUATE CARE FOR OLDER PERSONS

The ILO has significant experience and expertise in supporting countries in the development and reform of old-age pensions. The Project strategy is to provide technical support to constituents for extending old-age protection, particularly to those who currently lack protection, including self-employed, rural, and migrant workers.

Recognizing the importance of LTC, the ILO is also involved in promoting LTC in its own right as a part social security for all. The Project will support the development of LTC systems based on the following principles: solidarity in financing for LTC; availability and affordability of public



services; respect of workers' rights for caregivers; better balance of responsibilities between community, private, and family care; and public support for family members providing care to elderly relatives.

The Project will have a regional focus in terms of knowledge development and direct technical assistance to selected countries. Support for the design of old-age pensions and LTC will comprise of technical advisory on the policy design, legal expertise, actuarial evaluations, and advice on the governance and administration. Pilot programmes based on the designed LTC models will be supported in selected provinces in the target countries. Dialogue and exchange of experiences will be facilitated within and between countries, and findings will be disseminated to other countries, promoting a South-South learning approach.



THE LONG-TERM CARE SCHEME IN THAILAND

In 2016, Thailand will have a dedicated budget line for the provision of LTC for the first time, constituting a milestone in the provision of LTC services for older persons in the country.

Thanks to the pilot LTC scheme in Lamsothi District, Ploy can remain at home and receives regular visits from social workers and medical staff.

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO is recognized by partners in the region for its capacity and unique expertise at the macro level in the areas of social protection financing and the establishment of rights-based legal and institutional frameworks, inspired by international social security standards.

With your support, we can accelerate making social protection floors a reality for millions of people while simultaneously fulfilling Sustainable Development Goals 1.3, 3.8, 5.4, 8.5, and 10.4. You can support us to:

- Conduct research on LTC practices in the region and promote dialogue on regional/national models for the provision of LTC in the context of an ageing population.

US\$ 200,000

- Conduct a feasibility study and facilitate national dialogue on the design of old-age pension systems, articulating contributory and social pensions schemes.

\$ 300,000
per year per country

- Conduct a feasibility study and facilitate national dialogue on the design of LTC systems.

\$ 150,000
per year per country

- Support legal and institutional reforms to improve coverage of pension schemes and LTC services.

\$ 100,000
per year per country

- Assess workforce shortages for LTC and develop national roadmaps to close the gaps.

\$ 100,000 per country

- Support the development of a training curriculum for

care providers at the country level.

\$ 150,000
per year per country

- Assist the pilot of LTC model in one province.

\$ 400,000
per year per country

- Build capacity and organize tailor-made trainings on old-age, survivors, and disability pensions.

\$ 150,000
per year per country

- Develop a guide on the establishment of LTC systems based on worldwide and regional best practices.

\$ 150,000

- Facilitate South-South cooperation and exchanges between countries on pension and LTC models, contributing to regional and global knowledge.

\$ 200,000 per year


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