

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



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TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

Zambia is a lower-middle income country in sub-Saharan Africa with a population of 15 million people. Despite its classification as a lower-middle income country, 60 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line. Extreme poverty, which affects a household's ability to meet its nutritional requirements, was 58 per cent for rural areas and 13 per cent for urban areas indicating urban-rural disparities. The Gini coefficient is 0.65, showing that there is significant income inequality as well.

To address these challenges, the Zambian Government has implemented several social protection interventions. However, the interventions to date have been largely fragmented, uncoordinated and lacking in coherence, resulting in limited impact on the people.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has extensive experience in providing technical assistance to countries in establishing coordinated national social protection floors (SPFs) that are consistent with the ILO's Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202). The Zambian Government recently developed the National Social Protection Policy (NSPP) with technical support from the ILO. The resulting NSPP is aimed at addressing the coordination challenges. Further, the ILO and other UN agencies work within the UN Joint Programme to achieve policy coherence and support the formulation of a Social Protection Bill.

THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES

Zambia's NSPP was adopted and launched in 2014, creating a sound and comprehensive basis for social protection.



The ILO is contributing technically to implementation of the NSPP. The Policy is expected to be complemented with an integrated framework for social protection aimed at providing a more comprehensive plan for the expansion and closing of the social protection floor in Zambia. The design of the integrated framework will follow from an Assessment-based National Dialogue (ABND), conducted with collaboration between national stakeholders, the ILO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The ABND will describe existing social protection programmes, identify policy gaps and implementation issues, and draw recommendations for the further design and implementation of social protection provisions.

The ABND is a necessary step that will provide policy-makers and implementers with the right tools to ascertain what programmes should be merged, phased out, or expanded to increase coverage. It will also provide information on the nature of desired programmes from a national consultative perspective.

BRINGING HOPE TO THE PEOPLE

The Social Cash Transfer programme is Zambia's flagship social protection programme within the National Social Protection Policy. By December 2015, it had reached over 180,000 households in 50 districts. Households having members with disabilities received 280 Zambian kwachas (ZMW, US\$28) and those without members with disabilities received ZMW140 (US\$14).



With this money, I am able to hire labour for field preparation, buy livestock (goats and chickens) and buy basic foodstuffs for my grandchildren. I therefore commend the Government and request that they ensure the continuity of such programmes that have brought hope to many people in this community.

- Mary Banda, a recipient of the Social Cash Transfer

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO has extensive experience in supporting countries to expand social protection for all. With your support, we can help more people in Zambia by implementing a nationally appropriate social protection system and fulfilling SDG target 1.3.

With your support, we can:

- Support the implementation and monitoring of an inter-ministerial Integrated Framework for Basic Social Protection Programmes.

US\$ 300.000

- Develop capacity of the Ministry of Finance to model the cost and socio-economic impact of social protection expenditures to inform decisions on budgetary allocations.

US\$ 250.000

- Support the development of a disability management and information system and an in-depth study on barriers faced by persons with disabilities in accessing existing social protection schemes.

US\$ 800.000

- Develop and test social insurance approaches to extend social security to workers in the informal economy, including the design of benefit packages, administrative and financing mechanisms.

US\$ 500.000

- Develop capacity at central and local levels on integrated benefit delivery, case management and referrals, and monitoring and evaluation.

US\$ 250.000

- Raise awareness on social protection and share information at the national and regional levels.

➤ US\$ 100.000

- Build local capacities through collaboration with academia and to support regional South-South learning.

➤ US\$ 200.000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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