

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



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A SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR (SPF) IN INDIA IS FEASIBLE

India has a large number of social protection schemes, both at the central and state levels, which cater to different segments of the population. The range of these schemes is wide, covering basic education and health, employment promotion, workers' social security, and food and nutrition security. In other words, the schemes span almost the entire realm of social policy, including workers' rights at work.

The size, increasing informality, and heterogeneity of India's workforce (around 490 million) lead to low levels of social protection and high vulnerability among India's workers. The characteristics of the workforce also constrain the expansion of social protection, mainly due to the dearth of appropriate institutional arrangements and policies, but also due to a lack of visibility and voice of such workers and other supply side considerations. This calls for strategies to extend social protection to India's uncovered population.

The Government of India has endorsed the concept of national floors of social protection at various national (e.g. 45th Session of the Indian Labour Conference, New Delhi 2013) and international forums (G20 and International Labour Conference).

SOCIAL PROTECTION TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE GROWTH

The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2012-17 identified social protection as one of the outputs under inclusive growth. For this reason, the United Nations Task Team on Employment and Social Protection commissioned a study, A social protection floor for India, to consider the feasibility of a social protection floor in India.



The study shows how entitlement-based social protection arrangements are beginning to emerge in many areas. The study comes to the conclusion that the creation of a social protection floor can have dramatic consequences for the lives of the poor, as well as macroeconomic stability, growth, and development in India. A social protection floor can lead to socially inclusive and sustainable growth and the progressive realization of human rights.

I would like to admit that I was not aware of the concept of the SPF. When exposed to it, through workshops conducted by the ILO, I started looking at social rights also.

- Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Cuttack, Odisha

We should not limit our discussions on SPF to the policy level, but transform them into a programme of action.

- Dr. Navneeta Rath, Head of Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Odisha



FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The United Nations Task Team on Employment and Social Protection led by ILO decided to explore possibilities to formulate a state-level social protection framework in three to five Indian states.

In Odisha, the ILO has already conducted an advocacy and awareness raising campaign on the importance of building a state-specific SPF. Furthermore, the ILO has provided technical assistance to build an institutional mechanism for dialogue among policy makers, to arrive at a consensus on consolidating and streamlining existing social protection programmes. While much has been achieved, further assistance is required to make social protection a reality for all workers and their families in Odisha as well as in other states.

With your support, we can:

- Conduct an advocacy and awareness campaign on social protection and expansion of social security coverage in three states.

US\$ 450.000

- Assess the social protection situations and formulate recommendations to complete the SPFs in three states.

US\$ 360.000

- Based on the assessment of the social protection situation, design social protection schemes, including actuarial, institutional, and legal studies in three states.

US\$ 450.000

- Improve the administrative systems in three states to better deliver social protection services and transfers.

US\$ 1,200.000

- Build capacities of officials and social partners to administer and monitor social protection schemes in three states.

US\$ 300.000

- Share the states' experiences with the rest of India and other countries through seminars, briefs, websites, videos.

US\$ 1,200.000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS


As a donor, you receive regular reports on the progress made and have access to ongoing project activities and performance indicators.

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