

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES IN THE TRANSITION TOWARDS GREENER ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES



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BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND PLANET

With world temperatures on the rise, countries are now at increased risk of experiencing the powerful and lasting effects of global climate change.

Recent extreme weather events have highlighted the need for social protection systems that can effectively adapt in scale and aid in recovery efforts immediately following a disaster. Meanwhile, more persistent effects of climate change also have the potential to disrupt the lives of large numbers of people affected by flooding, drought and looming rises in sea level.

In many cases, those hardest hit are people who are already poor and highly vulnerable. A climate- and disaster-ready social protection system is one that seeks to strengthen the adaptive capacity of the poor and vulnerable both before and after these events. This includes precautionary measures to limit exposure to various risks as well as mechanisms for compensation in cases of lost or reduced livelihoods.

The observable impact of climate change is also causing many countries to consider policies to reduce carbon emissions. As older production methods are phased out in favor of greener industries, social protection offers unemployment and other forms of protection for individuals and families adversely affected by climate policies in times of transition. In some cases, social protection may even be a means to promote the reduction or removal of carbon from the atmosphere, thereby rolling back the causes of climate change itself.

TURNING ILO EXPERTISE INTO ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The ILO's work is central to protecting both people and the environment as countries seek to recover from and adapt to the effects of climate change. Decent work and social protection represent critical livelihood opportunities for climate- and disaster-affected populations. Meanwhile, they engage communities in recovery and prevention efforts. Immediately following a disaster, the ILO plays a crucial



role in cluster operations and advocates for scaled-up access to employment opportunities and social protection. By involving tripartite constituents, the ILO pushes for an inclusive and participatory approach to advocacy, planning, implementation, governance and monitoring.

During early recovery, an intervention strategy is developed and often, Public Employment Programmes (PEPs) are implemented. These build on existing capacities, and the effort is towards ensuring rehabilitation and recovery for communities.

In the reconstruction phase, the ILO leads local economic recovery programmes and supports the policy-shaping process with emphasis on job creation in reconstruction and recovery frameworks together with the development of and access to social protection.

The ILO is also developing new research and programmes to examine ways in which social protection can serve to enhance the climate-resilience of populations and to counter the negative distributional effects of climate policies in the transition to greener economies and societies.

HELPING VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines in 2013, taking away over 7,000 lives and affecting millions of livelihoods. ILO is working with the Government of the Philippines to implement an emergency employment and livelihood rebuilding programme, to help communities 'build back better'.

“ Emergency employment was an important part of the Government’s response. The standards ensure that worker-beneficiaries receive 100 per cent of the regional minimum wage, basic safety orientation, personal protective equipment and social insurance.

Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Philippines



“ I lost my son during the typhoon and my boat was wrecked. I am entirely dependent on the sea for my income and have no work now.

Roberto Lagu, Victim of Typhoon Haiyan in 2013

FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO is committed to working with its UN partners and supporting countries to build social protection systems that build resilience to climate change and facilitate an equitable transition to more sustainable economies and societies. With your assistance, we can help more people across the world. You can support us to:

- Develop and strengthen policies to build resilience and improve the livelihoods of people in countries at risk of climate change.

US\$300,000 per country

- Conduct feasibility studies to design or upgrade disaster management and recovery schemes and ensure that they include access to social protection.

\$ 300,000 per country

- Support the implementation of climate-responsive social protection systems at the national level and in vulnerable regions.

\$ 1,200,000 per country
(cost for three years)

- Develop a practical multilingual how-to guide in close partnership with on-going initiatives in various countries.

\$ 150,000 per year

- Facilitate South-South Cooperation, knowledge

exchange and study tours between countries that are vulnerable to climate change. \$ 100,000 per year

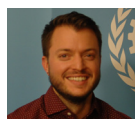
- Develop knowledge on the poverty-climate nexus and raise awareness on disaster mitigation, preparation and recovery. \$ 100,000 per year

Supporting the development of pro-climate social protection could be piloted in El Salvador, Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, and elsewhere.

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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

To further discuss your objectives and ways in which you can contribute to reducing the impact of climate change, climate policies and disasters on poor and vulnerable people, you can contact:



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