

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



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TOO MANY LEFT BEHIND

Social and economic development in Togo has been impacted by the 2008 global financial crisis and rapid population growth. In 2015, more than half the population, or 55.1 per cent, were living below the poverty line. The poverty rate is generally higher in rural areas (68.7 per cent on average). Primary vulnerability factors are food insecurity, insufficient access to health care, and unemployment or underemployment particularly prevalent among youth.

The current social protection system in Togo is characterized by limited coverage and a low level of public spending. Statutory social protection schemes are largely restricted to workers employed in the formal sector. This gap is particularly acute among the elderly population, with only 9 per cent of people aged 65 and over receiving a pension (ILO, 2015).

Social protection is largely ensured by safety net projects whose scope and duration are limited and primarily funded by development aid. In addition, opportunities to participate in social insurance schemes are limited to people with sufficient income to do so.

JOIN US TO ACHIEVE A SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR (SPF) FOR ALL

The Government of Togo is determined to improve the socio-economic performance of the country. It is implementing a national growth strategy, the Strategy for Accelerated Growth and Employment Promotion (SCAPE) 2013-17. This strategy aims to reduce poverty by 12.2 per cent over five years. Promotion of social protection is a strategic pillar to achieve this goal.

The ILO is supporting Togo to move forward with this ambition. In 2012, a national social protection policy was developed, with a vision to "protect all Togolese against vulnerabilities and social risks by implementing a national SPF and strengthening existing systems".



A feasibility study for the implementation of an SPF was carried out by the ILO in collaboration with different partners. It aims to assemble the capacities of different ministries for the key social benefits: universal health care; employment-intensive investment programmes to tackle youth unemployment; a social old-age pension; and school feeding in rural areas.

In partnership with the OECD, the ILO will launch a pilot of the inter-agency "Social Protection Policy Options Tool" (SPPOT) in Togo in late 2016. The results will be used to select policy options for social protection extension in the country. The exercise will also establish specific actions to strengthen the institutional and legal framework and to identify sustainable funding mechanisms.

Economic and social inclusion is the main driver for social cohesion: health insurance coverage will be extended in the course of the next five years. The Government will amplify the scope of cash transfer programmes. The school-feeding scheme will be extended towards national coverage.

*- H.E. Mr. Selom Klassou, Prime Minister of Togo
(Excerpt from his declaration on the general strategy,
29 June 2015)*



FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO has significant experience in supporting countries to provide and extend social protection for all. With your help, we can reach out to more people who are in need.

With your support, we can:

- Support the extension of social health protection to at least 40 per cent of the population in 5 years.

US\$ 1,350,000

- Support the design and pilot implementation of a national employment-intensive investment programme for youth aged 18 to 35 years.

US\$ 3,100,000

- Support the formulation of the legal and institutional frameworks for extending the school feeding scheme at the national level and support the implementation process for the first phase of the programme.

US\$ 575,000

- Support the design and legal framework of a universal social pension and its implementation.

US\$ 350,000

- Develop national capacity for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the social protection strategy to enhance knowledge sharing and South-South cooperation at the regional level.

US\$ 250,000

- Conduct awareness campaigns on social protection.

US\$ 50,000

- Develop impact evaluation protocols, processes and tools that will contribute to building the case for social protection.

US\$ 100,000

LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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