

Session 7 – Towards recommendations to improve the potential of social protection to build disaster resilience in ASEAN

Wednesday 23 November, 14.45-17.30 (2 hours and 45 minutes)

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Session Note:

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) places social protection and the protection of the environment as key elements of the new development agenda for the coming 15 years. Furthermore, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) (2015-2030) was adopted by UN Member States in 2015, outlining seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks. Across the targets and priorities, social protection stands as a crosscutting area. Under the Sendai Framework “Words into Action”, a guide is to be developed to provide models for integrating disaster risk management into national social protection programmes.

At the ASEAN-level, the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) adopted in 2005 reflects efforts to improve inter-sectoral cooperation and coordination. The AADMER Work Programme (2016-2020) highlights the importance of social protection in disaster management as a priority programme. The Work Programme aims to “develop a regional social protection protocol under AADMER” (output 6.1) and “Support mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into national policies, strategies and mechanisms to strengthen social protection programmes” (output 6.2). Likewise, the Regional Framework and Action Plan to implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection has also identified the impact of climate change and disasters as an area of support for the policy and programme development.

Objectives of the Session:

- To support the implementation of the AADMER work programme (2016-2020), in particular outputs 6.1 and 6.2, the Regional Framework and Action Plan to implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection and the Sendai Framework;
- To discuss strategies and areas of actions to reinforce the potential of social protection to build disasters’ resilience at country and ASEAN levels.

Organization of the Session:

The Session will take the form of group discussions during 1 hour and 45 minutes. Two groups will be composed and announced by the moderator of the Session prior to the coffee break. The moderator will read out-loud the questions before breaking the plenary in two groups.

Each group will nominate a facilitator. The facilitator will be invited to present the results of the group discussions in plenary (1 hour) and to join the drafting committee.

Each group will address the following two questions:

1. Referring to the discussions of session 4 (first group discussions), at country level, what would be needed to improve the potential of social protection schemes to build disasters resilience?

1.1 What could be the specific role of employers and workers' organizations?

1.2 What can be done to improve support to women and children through disaster-responsive social protection schemes?

2. At ASEAN level, what strategies and innovations are required to improve the linkages between social protection and disasters management?

2.1. What political, institutional and financial conditions, as well as South-South cooperation would be needed to implement these strategies and develop innovations?

2.2. What are the current knowledge gaps and what studies and/or technical assistance, capacity building would be needed to fill these gaps?

The note taker, member of the organizers' team, is encouraged to capture the main points of discussion in the format of a work document, so it can be projected during the presentation of the group discussion.