

Supporting Unemployment Insurance in Myanmar

Unemployment Insurance Technical Team ILO Myanmar











Advancing social justice, promoting decent work



Objectives

EC-DEVCO Project

To support the GoUM to efficiently respond to COVID-19 and other future crises by strengthening the shock-responsiveness and financial sustainability of the national social protection system, in order to protect workers and households from falling further into poverty particularly in times of crises and in supporting economic recovery.

- o Improving the robustness of <u>financing</u> of the SSB system in support of the GoUM efforts to improve sustainability of the overall social protection system, whilst ensuring adequate benefits
- O Supporting the Government in <u>designing and preparing for the implementation of an Unemployment Insurance Fund</u>, to be prepared to respond effectively and efficiently to future crises but also to invest in human capital and support economic growth at all times

Japan ALMP project

Creating conditions to implement the unemployment insurance scheme foreseen under the 2012 Social Security Act and to establish linkages with active labour market policies (ALMPs)

- Conduct a series of policy research activities; and facilitate policy dialogues and capacity building based on knowledge and evidence produced through a number of research activities.
- Strengthening stakeholders' understanding and awareness of the importance of social protection, in particular unemployment insurance, through the organization of knowledge sharing events



Technical and Financial Support

Project	EC-DEVCO Social Protection and Public Financial Management (SP/PFM project)	JAPAN - Active Labor Market Polices (ALMP project)
Title	Building a sustainable Social Protection Response to the Covid-19 crisis in Myanmar	Bolstering Unemployment Insurance and Labour Market Policy Development in Myanmar (BUILD)
Timeline	January 2020- December 2021	March 2021 – March 2022
Budget	EUR 199,790	USD 642,730



TWO PROJECTS BUT ONE ILO!







Composition of the technical team

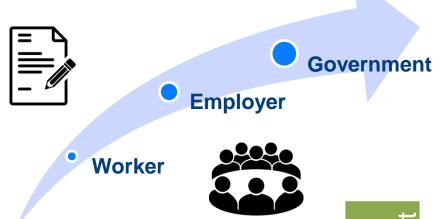
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Overview of process

2. Dialogue & Capacity Building



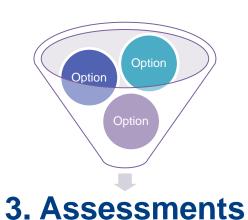
1. Background Studies







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Studies and assessments (1)

Major activities and outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Analyse labour market situations and structures	MAR	APR		
Review the current UI policies to identify the base design	JAN	APR		
Review the current UI policies against international labour standards to identify policy options	FEB	APR		
Assess the effectiveness of current benefits (Health and Social Care Scheme, UI Scheme)	FEB		SEP	



Studies and assessments (2)

Major activities and outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Assess the current and future financial status of existing and proposed new schemes	FEB			DEC
Assess the current investment management and governance framework		APR		DEC
Conduct actuarial valuation to cost, policy and financial implications for an unemployment insurance system		APR		OCT
Conduct institutional and operational assessments for an unemployment insurance system		APR		OCT



Capacity building (1)

► Introduction to ILO's international labour standards on social protection

Time: February or March (1 week training)

▶ Webinar series on international labour standards and unemployment protection in the world

Time: March – June (2 hours for each session biweekly)

► Study tour to neighbouring countries on unemployment insurance

Time: January – March 2022 (subject to the situation of pandemic)



Capacity building (2)

Actuaries

- E-learning on actuarial work for social security (3 May 11 June 2021) 2 persons SSB
- E-learning on actuarial modeling for social protection analysts (4 October 19 November 2021) 2 persons SSB

Workshops and e-coaching (to complement activities as required)

► Investment

E-learning on investment of social security funds (3 May - 11 June 2021) - 2 persons SSB

► Policy makers of social security

- E-learning on social security (13 September 22 October 2021) 3 persons SSB and MOLIP, 1 worker, 1 employer
- Workshop on social security reforms; financing social security; investment trends



Other key activities

► Technical meetings

The ILO will organise ad hoc technical meetings to discuss approaches, analysis and results during proposed studies

► National consultations to develop consensus and position papers

Improve knowledge, discuss policy options, and develop consensus and position papers among tripartite stakeholders

► Public employment services and reskilling for unemployed workers

 Assess how public employment services and reskilling for unemployed workers are operationalized at the labour exchange offices



PROPOSED COORDINATION MECHANSIMS

- Establishing a tripartite Steering Committee/Task force/Working Group
- Quarterly meetings for progress update
- Ad hoc meetings based on technical topics



THANK YOU

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