



# Social protection system in Rwanda

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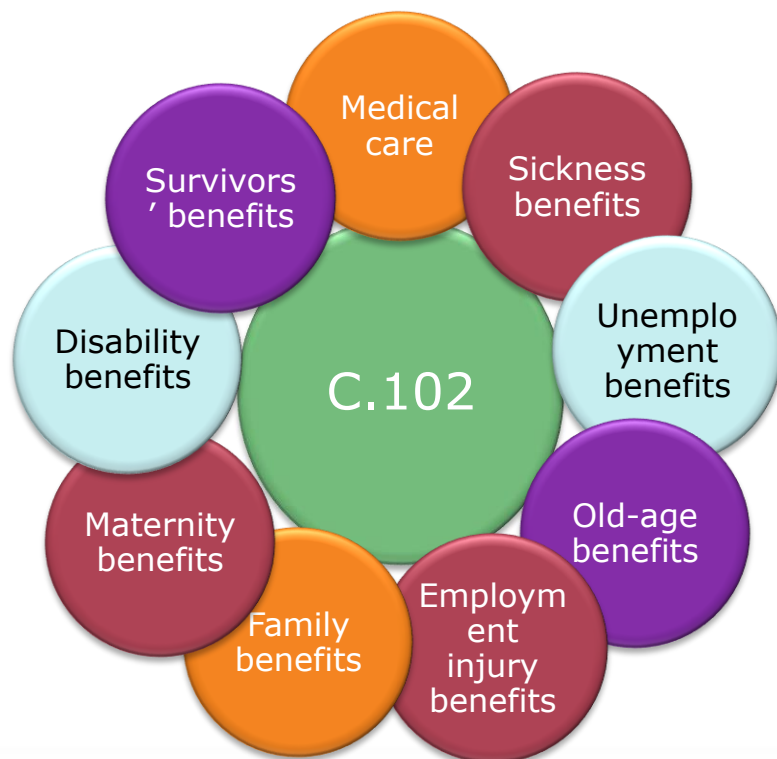


# Defining social protection

*Human right:  
Set of policies and programs designed to reduce  
poverty and vulnerability throughout life cycle*

Social Security (Minimum Standards)  
Convention, 1952 (No. 102).

Nine branches:



Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012  
(No. 202). Four basic social security guarantees:



# Policy framework

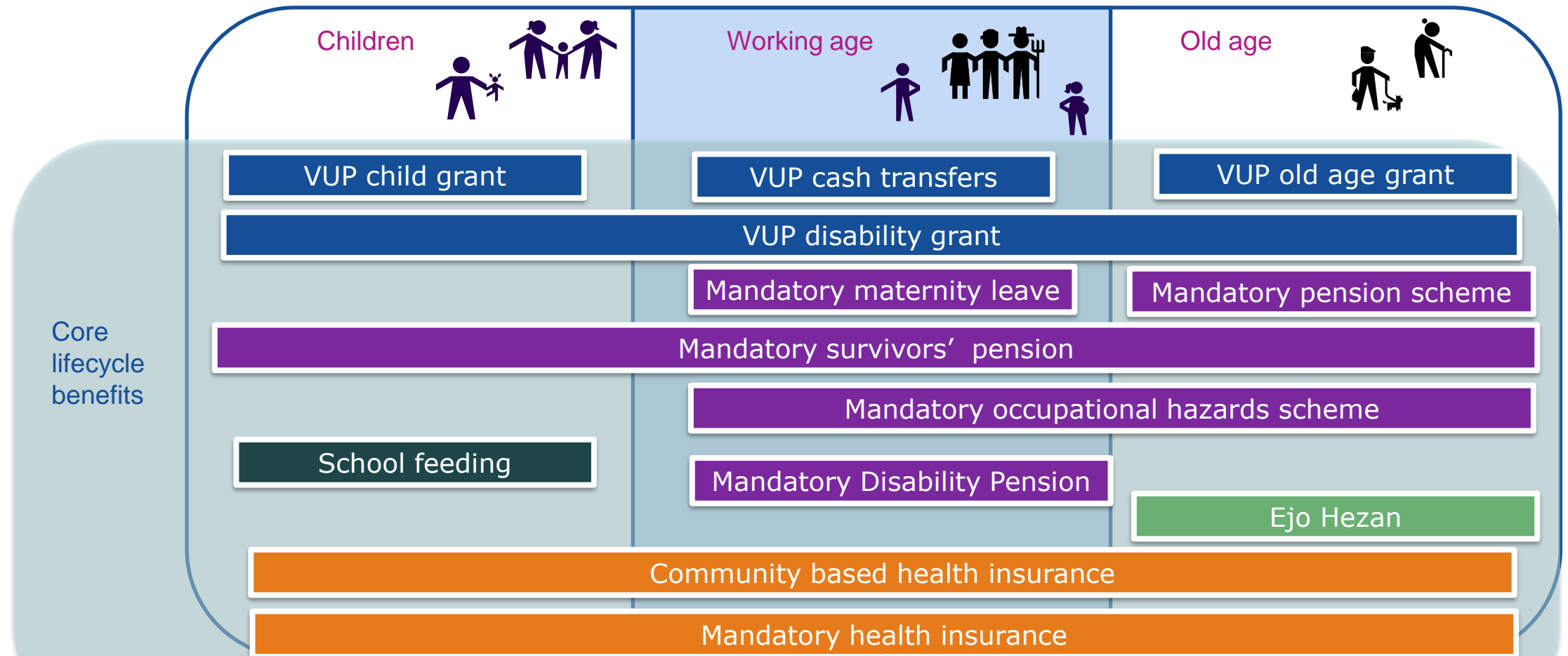
## National Social Security Policy 2009

- Mandatory pensions
- Mandatory occupational hazards – mandatory for formal
- Universal health coverage
- Maternity and sickness coverage – mandatory for formal
- Unemployment benefits – as soon as economically possible

## National Social Protection Policy 2020 – 2024

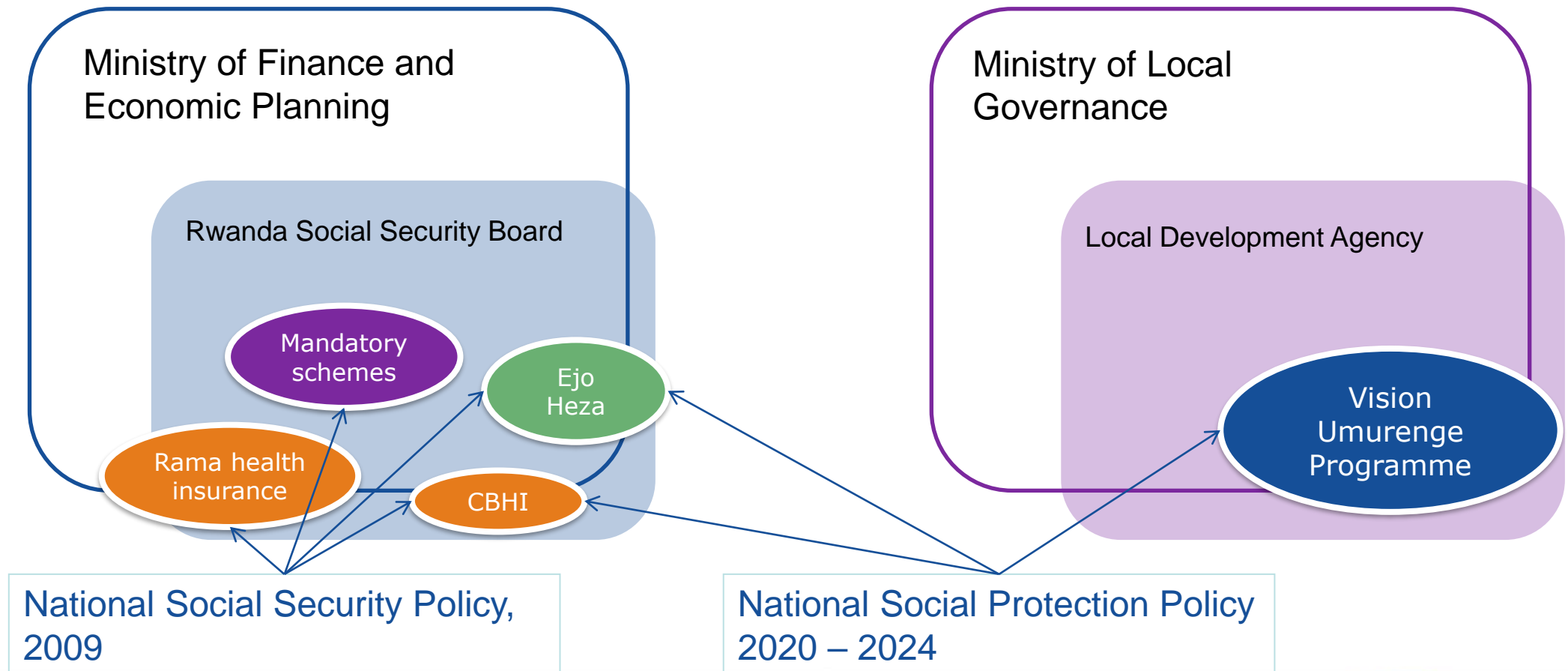
- **Increased access** to social security and income support programmes
- Strengthened contribution of SP to **reducing malnutrition**
- More effective **SP responses to shocks and crises**
- Improved access to **Social Care Services** delivery for the most vulnerable
- Improved access and strengthened service for the **Elderly persons**
- Extremely poor households have increased access to **livelihood support services** for economic empowerment
- Strengthened values of self-reliance, **respect for rights and community-based support** for the vulnerable
- Strengthened **institutional capacity** for policy development and social protection service delivery

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# Governance of the social protection system

Social Protection Sector Working Group and sub-sector working groups



# Challenges

- Separation between contributory and non-contributory system: interoperability? efficiency gains?
- Limited Coverage
- Limited awareness and understanding of social protection as a right
- Limited resources/ financial sustainability
- Limited compliance
- Information systems and payment mechanisms

# Opportunities

- Political commitment to social protection
- Strong legal framework
- Flexible schemes
- RSSB reform process
- Supportive policy framework: linkages with employment policies, digitalization,...



**Thank you**