

Achieving SDGs and ending poverty through Universal Social Protection

Run of Show webinar Monday, 28th June 2021, 10:00 – 11:40 GMT

Concluding event of the project “Achieving SDGs and ending poverty through Universal Social Protection”, implemented from January 2019 until June 2021 under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sub-fund of the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNPDF).

"Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere"

A consensus has emerged in the early 21st century that universal social protection is a fundamental development priority. Social protection is a key element of national strategies to promote human development, political stability and inclusive growth. The COVID-19 crisis has dramatically highlighted both the importance and the limitations of social protection systems, exacerbating large pre-existing gaps in coverage, comprehensiveness and adequacy of protection, as well as large inequalities in access between regions, within countries or between workers in different forms of employment. "*Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere*" (ILO Declaration of Philadelphia, 1944): this adage, expressing one of the fundamental principles on which the ILO is based, has unfortunately proven itself once again, making the call to accelerate progress towards universal social protection more urgent than ever.

Progress has been made in many countries that are committed to providing better social protection provisions along the life cycle. However, making the goal of universal social protection a reality is still a long way to go, as at the global level, there is still 71 per cent of the world population who do not have adequate social protection, and 55 per cent that has no social protection at all.

In many countries, these coverage gaps are a result of weaknesses in the political and legal frameworks and underinvestment in social protection systems but often, coverage levels are low even if the law provides for adequate protection. Shortfalls of required institutional capacity and expertise as well as the lack of coordination between different social protection programmes and across different administrative layers are widely considered the major causes of weak performance of social protection systems. Implementing an effective delivery structure aligned to international standards and principles, especially in the development context remains a challenge. There is a need to develop and share practical guidance to increase national capacities for the sound governance of social protection systems.

By the end of the project, 500,000 more people are covered in Cambodia and Pakistan through the strengthening of the governance of social security schemes.

With its aim, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sub-fund of the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNPDF), has launched the project “Achieving SDGs and ending poverty through Universal Social Protection”, which started in January 2019 and will end the 30th of June 2021. The project is jointly implemented by the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), and the Social Protection Department (SOCPRO) of the International Labour Office (ILO), in the framework of ILO’s Global Flagship Programme for Social Protection Floors and as part of the overall campaign for Universal Social Protection (USP 2030) launched in 2016. The project pursues a two-fold strategy. In two focus countries, Pakistan and Cambodia, technical support is provided through the ILO offices to strengthen capacities of institutions

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and practitioners on different aspects identified as critical in social security governance, including better coordination, improved data management, and better enforcement of social security laws. On the same topics, at global level, the project has developed a knowledge base of good practices as well as training modules.

Finally, it should be noted that the social security model developed by the Chinese government, the Fund's main contributor, is a constant reference for the project. Indeed, its experience in extending social security to all, including central-provincial coordination, improved management information systems, and the use of inspection systems to increase compliance, is highly relevant to Cambodia and Pakistan, as well as to the broader South-South knowledge sharing.

The conference “Improving the governance of national social protection systems at the service of universal social protection”

Building on the experience accumulated during this project, and in order to promote on this basis a high-level multi-stakeholder dialogue at the international level on the decisive role of social security governance in extending social protection to all, the project had initially planned the organization of an international conference and had proposed the city of Beijing to host it. Unfortunately, the travel restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic has not allowed this conference to take place before the end of the project, in June 2021.

For this reason, in order to conclude the project by allowing all its stakeholders to share its achievements and insights, and on this basis to reaffirm the decisive role of social security governance in extending social protection to all in the ASEAN region and internationally, it was decided to organize an online high-level seminar.

This concluding event will bring together governments, notably Cambodia and Pakistan, social partners, development partners, civil society, and academics to identify challenges and opportunities based on the concrete experience of the project, with a view to ensuring that the human right to social protection becomes a reality for all and to achieving the goals set by the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The event will be held virtually as a Zoom webinar.

The duration is 100 minutes

The date is Monday June 28th , from 10:00 to 11:40 GMT

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<i>100 min</i>	Topic	Speaker
	“Improving the governance of national social protection systems at the service of universal social protection”	Moderation Ms. Wenyan Yang, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA
<i>10 min</i>	Opening remarks	
		Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA
		Mr. Hao Bin , Director General, Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, The People’s Republic of China
<i>10 min</i>	Setting the scene	Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director SOCPRO/ILO
<i>30 min</i>	Insights from Pakistan	Moderation: Rabia Razzaque, ILO National SP Project Coordinator, CO-Islamabad
		Mr. Babar Abbas Director General (Contributions and Benefits) of Punjab Employees’ Social Security Institution (PESSI)
		Ms. Arooma Shahzad, Domestic Workers’ Union representative General Secretary
		Ms. Ume Laila, Executive Director of Home Net Pakistan
		Ms. Ingrid Christensen, ILO, Director Country Office, CO-Islamabad
	Q&A	
<i>25 min</i>	Insights from Cambodia	Moderation: Jie Yu Koh (ILO social protection programme manager, Cambodia)
		Ouk, Samvithyea, Director General of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) samvithyea@nssf.gov.kh
		Oknha Sok Piseth, Board member of The Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Associations (CAMFEBA) pisethsok@ggear.com.kh
		Nuno Cunha, Sr Specialist, Social Security, DWT/CO-Bangkok
	Q&A	
<i>25 min</i>	The case for universal social protection	
		Stephen Kidd / Devt Pathways
		Raul Julian Ruggia Frick / ISSA
		Valérie Schmitt /ILO
	Closing	Wenyan Yang / DESA

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Rune of Show – Webinar Monday June 28th

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Webinar on system strengthening to extend social protection in Cambodia and in Pakistan 06:00-07:40 New York time

Total 100 min	Topic	Speaker
	<p>Wenyan from UNDESA opens the session, lays out the outline and organization of the webinar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This 100 minutes webinar is the concluding event of the project “Achieving SDGs and ending poverty through Universal Social Protection”, implemented from January 2019 until June 2021 under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sub-fund of the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNPDF). <p>A few words on the organization of the webinar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the panelist will successively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ introduce the topic of governance and the project, ○ highlight the projects core impacts in Pakistan and in Cambodia, ○ and, based on those lessons learned, will conclude on the next steps for sthe universal social protection ○ the audience is welcome to ask questions through the Q&A channel, at the end of each panel, there will be time to answer hem ○ Finally, there is an audio channel for interpretation in Khmer for our partners in Cambodia 	<p>Moderation Ms. Wenyan Yang, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA yang@un.org</p> <p>Zoom operator Leillah Abdallah, ILO Organizer Jean-Louis lambeau@ilo.org</p>
10 min	Opening remarks	

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3 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wenyan gives the floor to Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA Ms Bas delivers a welcome speech (pre-recorded video c/o Leillah) 	Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA
7 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wenyan gives the floor to Mr. Hao Bin, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, The People's Republic of China Mr Bin delivers opening remarks 	Mr. Hao Bin, Director General, Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, The People's Republic of China
10 min	<p>Setting the scene (PP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wenyan gives the floor to Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director of the Social Protection Department of the ILO who will introduce (with a PP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the overall topic (why is governance so important for social protection?) the project incl. the research and the modules that were the object of a webinar last Friday; 	Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director of the Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO
30 min	<p>Panel 1 : extending social protection in Pakistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wenyan gives the floor to Ms Rabia Razzaque, ILO National SP Project Coordinator in Islamabad who will moderate the panel on the achievements of the project in Pakistan 	Moderation: Rabia Razzaque, ILO National SP Project Coordinator, CO-Islamabad
10min	Rabia gives the floor to the director of PESSI who presents the Pakistan country case on extending SP to domestic workers in the Punjab Province (video 2' + PP pilot in Punjab)	Mr. Babar Abbas Director General (Contributions and Benefits) of Punjab Employees' Social Security Institution (PESSI)
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabia gives the floor to Ms. Shahzad Ms. Shahzad provides comments on the initiative from the Domestic Workers' perspective 	Ms. Arooma Shahzad, Domestic Workers' Union representative General Secretary
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabia gives the floor to Ms. Laila Ms. Laila provides comments on the initiative from the Civil society perspective 	Ms. Ume Laila, Executive Director of Home Net Pakistan
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabia gives the floor to Ms. Christensen Ms. Christensen comments the initiative from the broader perspective of the Decent work programme of the ILO and the interagency dynamic in the country 	Ms. Ingrid Christensen, ILO, Director Country Office, CO-Islamabad
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A : Rabia elicits questions to be answered by the panelists (with support from JL) 	

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25 min	<p>Panel: modernization of social security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wenyan gives the floor to Fynn Koh, ILO social protection project manager in Pnom Penh who will moderate the panel on the achievements of the project in Cambodia 	Moderation: Jie Yu Koh (ILO social protection programme manager, Cambodia)
10min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fynn gives the floor to NSSF representative NSSF representative presents the Cambodia country case on modernization of the NSSF (video 2', PP NSSF) 	Ouk, Samvithyea, Director General of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) samvithyea@nssf.gov.kh
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fynn gives the floor to Cambodia Employers' representative Cambodia Employers' representative comments the initiative from the perspective of employers 	Oknha Sok Piseth, Board member of The Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Associations (CAMFEBA) pisethsok@ggear.com.kh
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fynn gives the floor to Nuno Nuno provides a comment on the linkage between the process of modernization and the importance of governance and good services, and the extension of social security 	Nuno Cunha, Sr Specialist, Social Security, DWT/CO-Bangkok
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q&A: Fynn elicits questions to be answered by the panelists (with support from Sokgech and JL) 	
25 min	Conclusions	
5 min	Wenyan gives the floor to Stephen Kidd, Principal Social Policy Specialist, Development Pathways, to put the project in the broader perspective and challenges of achieving universal social protection	Stephen Kidd, Principal Social Policy Specialist, Development Pathways
5 min	Wenyan gives the floor to Raul Ruggia-Frick, Director, Social Security Development Branch of ISSA, who will stress the importance for policy and decision makers to consider the core elements at work in a social protection system; and on the added value of this partnership to produce an innovative learning approach at the crossroads between policy and technicality.	Wenyan gives the floor to Raul Ruggia-Frick, Director, Social Security Development Branch, ISSA
5 min	Wenyan gives the floor to Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director of the Social Protection Department of the ILO to highlight the next steps for the continuity of this approach in the strategic construction of social protection floors and its universal social protection	Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director of the Social Protection Department (SOCPRO), ILO
5 min	Wenyan offers the last words of conclusion and way forward, and closes the session	Wenyan Yang, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch, Division for Inclusive Development, UN DESA