

# BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES OF OLDER PERSONS



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## ADEQUATE PROTECTION IN OLD AGE

Pensions are essential for providing reliable sources of income to individuals as they grow older. As people age, they are less able to rely upon income from employment. Private savings and assets can provide some security, but for most people they are insufficient to provide an adequate level of income until the end of their lives.

According to ILO standards, all residents should have the right to affordable retirement through pension systems providing at least a minimum level of income protection in old age and disability that effectively protects people against poverty.

Despite their importance, only half the world's population has access to the benefits of an old-age pension, leaving many older persons to rely solely on family support. While closing this gap remains a challenge, many countries have achieved significant results regarding the expansion of pension coverage.

## UNIVERSAL COVERAGE FOR ALL

The improvements made in recent decades underscore countries' efforts to create and expand the coverage of contributory pension schemes and to establish non-contributory pensions to guarantee basic income security in old age to all.

Many countries around the world have achieved universal pension coverage. The experience of these countries shows that extending pension coverage to all citizens over a relatively short period is possible. As shown through the case of Timor-Leste, one way to reach this outcome is through the universalization of non-contributory benefits, a type of scheme that is indispensable for covering vulnerable groups that have limited or no capacity to pay contributions. Timor-Leste achieved universal pension coverage by 2011, from a coverage rate of just 0.5 per cent in the year 2000.



Universalization can also be done by combining contributory old-age insurance schemes and non-contributory social pensions. China increased covered of the old-age pension system by three times in just four years, making impressive strides towards its goal of universal coverage by 2020.

Today, many governments continue to expand coverage through public pension systems. As the majority of workers in the informal economy will face income insecurity in old age, countries continue to extend coverage through non-contributory pension schemes or through the extension of contributory schemes to previously uncovered groups of workers, including female workers in informal employment.

## LONG-TERM CARE SCHEME IN THAILAND

In 2016, Thailand will have a dedicated budget line for the provision of long-term care (LTC) for the first time, constituting a milestone in the provision of LTC services for older persons in the country.

Thanks to the pilot LTC scheme in Lamsothi District, Ploy can remain at home and receives regular visits from social workers and medical staff.



## FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO is recognized for its capacity and expertise in the areas of social protection financing and the establishment of rights-based legal and institutional frameworks, inspired by international standards.

Together, we can make social protection floors a reality for millions of people while simultaneously fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals.

You can support us to:

- Conduct a feasibility study and facilitate national dialogue on the design of old-age pension systems, articulating contributory and social pensions schemes.

US\$ 300,000 per year

- Conduct a feasibility study and facilitate national dialogue on the design of LTC systems.

US\$ 150,000 per year

- Support legal and institutional reforms to improve coverage of pension schemes and LTC services.

US\$ 100,000 per year

- Assess workforce shortages for LTC and develop national roadmaps to close the gaps.

US\$ 100,000

- Support the development of a training curriculum for care providers at the country level.

US\$ 150,000 per year

- Assist the pilot of LTC model in one province.

US\$ 400,000 per year

- Build capacity and organize tailor-made trainings on old-age, survivors, and disability pensions.

US\$ 150,000 per year

- Develop a guide on the establishment of LTC systems based on global and regional best practices.

US\$ 150,000

- Facilitate South-South cooperation and exchanges between countries on pension and LTC models.

US\$ 200,000 per year

## LISTENING TO YOUR AMBITIONS

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To further discuss your objectives and the ways in which you can improve millions of lives, you can contact:



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