



Partnering for decent work

Funding Dialogues for strategic alignment of resources to the ILO's priorities

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Funding Dialogues

Structured Funding Dialogues are a forum where partners are invited to support a particular ILO policy outcome or decent work theme. Funding dialogues facilitate matching development partners' priorities with ILO constituents' needs. To enable the ILO and its funding partners to better meet their **UN Funding Compact** commitments and achieve the ILO's Development Cooperation Strategy, the Office is facilitating light earmarked and pooled contributions to ILO policy outcomes, thematic priorities and Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCPs).

Predictable and light earmarked funding provides the flexibility to respond more effectively and efficiently to the needs of government, workers' and employer's organizations in ILO member states. Especially in times of global crises, like the COVID-19 pandemic, such quality funding is precious.

The ILO is organizing funding dialogues around a decent work priority at global, regional or country level. These dialogues bring together actors of the world of work, funding and development partners, and programme countries.

Why you should consider providing light earmarked funding:

- ✎ Increased opportunities for creating policy coherence in multilateral platforms and multi-stakeholder partnerships.
- ✎ Greater ability to leverage resources from within and beyond the ILO for the achievement of the SDGs and a human-centred COVID-19 recovery.
- ✎ Increased impact and sustainability of individual contributions through joint efforts and long-term engagement.
- ✎ Engagement with multiple funding partners, programme countries and ILO constituents on the ILO's work in a specific policy area.
- ✎ Flexibility for the ILO in allocating resources to national priorities and emerging needs.
- ✎ Shift from a constellation of projects to a cohesive programme with one governance set-up.
- ✎ Increased efficiency in management, technical assistance and ILO service delivery at the country level.
- ✎ Better opportunities for learning and knowledge sharing due to the large amount of countries and scope of thematic areas covered.
- ✎ Joint reporting and evaluation.
- ✎ More recognition and visibility through coordinated communication efforts.

Achieving Universal Social Protection

- ✿ The ILO's Policy Outcome on comprehensive and sustainable social protection for all supports the Organization's contribution to the SDGs and a human-centred COVID-19 recovery.
- ✿ The ILO's Flagship Programme on social protection is key to realizing these goals and advancing international cooperation at the country and global levels.
- ✿ There are still enormous funding needs – over the next 5 years, roughly \$75 million is required for ILO social protection assistance, especially at the country level.
- ✿ Partners' continuing and renewed contributions are necessary.
- ✿ Light earmarked contributions allow the Organization to respond to social protection needs in an strategic, swift and efficient manner.
- ✿ Additionally, targeted contributions for countries and social protection themes continue to be welcomed.
- ✿ Development Partners are meeting for a funding dialogue to launch the second phase of the Global ILO Flagship Programme on 7 October 2021. The second phase, titled Achieving Universal Social Protection, will run from 2021 to 2025.

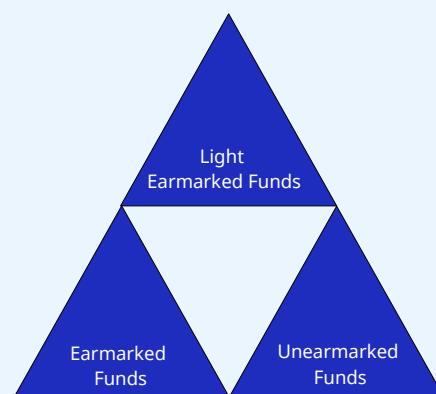


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Reinforcing funding modalities

The ILO's funding modalities strengthen and leverage each other for maximum impact.

- ✿ **Light Earmarked Funds:** Earmarked at the thematic- or broad geographic-level, in line with the Organization's priorities, allowing for flexibility & partner input.
- ✿ **Unearmarked Funds:** Voluntary core funding allowing strategic allocation of resources at the discretion of the Organization.
- ✿ **Earmarked Funds:** Project-specific funding, usually linked to particular outcomes and implemented at the country-level.



- ✿ Since 2012, ILO projects and actions have contributed to achieving social protection development in over 136 countries around the world. See country profiles [here](#).
- ✿ With the ILO's Social Protection Results **Monitoring Tool** you can find out more about the ILO's past, ongoing and planned projects, as well as results achieved in the area of social protection.

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