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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, this is an area that lends itself well to our joint capacities and efforts, and many UNCTs have chosen this as an area to deliver as one. I am, therefore, pleased to share with you some additional information as a follow-up to the letter sent by Helen Clark and Guy Ryder (attached) on 24 March 2014, encouraging you to build or strengthen **One UN social protection floor** teams, including UN representatives, relevant stakeholders and national partners.

In establishing social protection floors teams, the following materials and country practices may be of use:

1. The [Social Protection Floor Initiative \(SPF-I\) factsheet](#) taking stock of the on-going collaboration so far and providing a roadmap for future activities.
2. Joint interagency SPF assessments carried out in countries such as [Indonesia](#), [Kyrgyz Republic](#), [Lao PDR](#), [Mongolia](#), [Mozambique](#), [Myanmar](#), the [Philippines](#), [Thailand](#) and other countries.
3. The [good practices guide for conducting social protection assessment based national dialogue \(ABND\)](#), which is the first step towards implementing nationally defined social protection floors. The methodology is based on real experiences of countries in Asia. Its standardized and systematic approach can serve several purposes, including training, self-learning, and conducting full-fledged ABND exercises.
4. The [UNDG Asia-Pacific Social Protection Floor Issues Brief](#) describing on-going activities and potential areas for UN agencies to work with countries in designing national social protection strategies, and implementing social protection measures in a progressive and coordinated way.

We trust these materials will be useful in building regional and national social protection floor teams and in the preparations for responding to country requests in the area of social protection in the context of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. Additional tools and training materials are currently being developed by the Regional UNDG Teams, and we would like to encourage you to actively contribute to this effort, which will support UN collaboration at the country and regional levels and help ensure the UN system delivers as one on social protection.

Should you wish to have more information about these programmes and about the Social Protection Floor Initiative, kindly visit the website un.social-protection.org or contact Ms Valerie Schmitt (schmittv@ilo.org).

Finally, we would like to reiterate the UNDG Chair's and ILO DG's call for you to take, within your national context, the necessary steps to support countries in extending national floors of 'social protection for all' in the Post 2015 period with a clear equality focus. It is strong and concerted support from across the spectrum of UN actors that has helped make many of the recent advancements in social protection a reality. In your role as RC, you are uniquely positioned to foster the will and cooperation necessary for the UN system to be effective in delivering coordinated assistance in countries and regions where we work.

Best,
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