



Building and strengthening social protection floors in Europe and Central Asia

A proposal for
working as One UN

‘Fit for purpose’

- SDGs will require renewed collaboration
 - UN CEB Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPF-I) created in 2009
 - Calls for increased collaboration on social protection from UNDG, UN DOCO (2014 & 2015)
- For impact, UN must operate at sufficient scale
 - Combining strengths, competencies
 - Engaging with BWIs, non-UN, EU
 - Closing resource gaps



*UN Secretary-General
Ban ki-Moon*

“This new, universal, sustainable development agenda requires an international community that is ‘fit for purpose’ ...”

Europe and Central Asia

- The need for UN collaboration on social protection
 - Most UNDAFs include social protection in ECA
 - Need to align country work with SPF global framework & the SDGs
 - Need to better coordinate (especially when it comes to the implementation of reforms)
 - Being a formidable/credible partner for governments, WB/EU
- We have to do it; the question is how?



Kyrgyzstan

- A ‘Delivering as One’ country with multiple requests
 - ILO for ratification of international social security standards
 - UNICEF for support for national social protection strategy
- Inter-agency activity launched for coherent UN response
 - Creation of a roadmap for strategy implementation, national assessment
 - Inclusion in UNDAF mid-term review
 - Inclusion in Action Plan of the national Programme for Social Development 2015-2017



The UNRC, a.i. in Kyrgyzstan with representatives from UN Women, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, FAO, and ILO at the inter-agency launch.

Proposed way forward

In the countries

1. Strengthen the collaboration in Kyrgyzstan
 - 12 months social protection expert in Bishkek
 - Joint proposal for Delivering Results Together Fund
2. Create new national collaboration initiatives
 - Among 'Delivering as One' & UNDAF roll-out countries
 - On issues where UN coordination makes sense (e.g. assessment based national dialogue, coordinated government delivery of social protection floors)



Kyrgyzstan

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At the regional level: a thematic working group on social protection

1. Experience (TWG on SP in Asia, TWG Roma)
2. Membership criteria (expertise, resources, country work)
3. Objectives
 - Support coordinated country work (vision, technical support, learning)
 - Contribute to UN reform and SDG implementation
4. Proposed actions
 - Develop a joint position and advocacy
 - Document and share examples of social protection reforms
 - Provide technical support to country initiatives



Thank you.