73% of the world’s population lacks access to social protection.

Social protection is a human right and a social and economic necessity. It contributes to reductions in poverty, vulnerability, and inequalities; increased demand for goods and services (and therefore buttress local and national economies); achievement of gender equality; and development of human capital and productivity, which lead to better economic performance.

Social protection floors (SPFs - basic social protection guarantees for all) are affordable in the majority of developing countries and can be financed by national resources in a sustainable manner. The initial implementation of SPFs, however, requires start-up investments and the development of capacities to plan, design, implement, and operate appropriate schemes and systems.

Building social protection systems for all, including social protection floors, is part of the objectives that the international community has committed to achieve. Strategy to support the achievement of SDG targets 1.3, 3.8, 5.4, 8.5, and 10.4.

**Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All**

1. **Supporting the implementation of tailor-made and functional social protection floors in 21 countries**
   - **Adopting national social protection strategies**
   - **Designing and reforming schemes**
   - **Improving operations**

   The 21 countries were selected in consultation with field offices based on 5 enabling factors:
   1. Vision
   2. Political will
   3. Potential
   4. UN priorities
   5. Partnerships

   **Partnerships for success**
   - Deliver as One UN
   - Involve the private sector and mobilize workers’ support for SPFs

   **Global Programme**
   - The Programme will contribute to institutional changes in all target countries supported by the Programme.
   - 100% of countries will have adopted a national social protection strategy or policy.
   - 70% of countries will have designed or reformed their social protection schemes.
   - 30% of countries will have improved the operations of their social protection systems.

   **The Global Programme**
   - Will contribute to improve the social protection situation for millions of people.
   - 30 million previously excluded people will be covered.
   - 50 million previously partially covered people will enjoy higher levels of protection.
   - 130 million people will have better access to social protection.

2. **Supporting the Global Knowledge Campaign on Social Protection Floors**
   - **Knowledge development**
   - **Knowledge sharing**
   - **Partnering for a multiplier effect**
   - **Promoting the SPF**

   **Developing specific approaches to address vulnerabilities**
   - **Children**
   - **Health for the poor and women**
   - **Older persons**
   - **Self-employed and rural workers**
   - **Domestic workers**
   - **Migrant workers**
   - **Refugee crisis**
   - **Victims of workplace accidents**

   **Developing the case for social protection**

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