The Step Programme

Strategies and Tools against Social Exclusion and Poverty
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• Global programme for combating social exclusion and poverty of the Social Security Department of the ILO.

• Since 1998, two major fields of action:
  – The extension of social protection to excluded groups, in particular, with regard to health care;
  – The development of an integrated approach to fight social exclusion at the local level.

• Intervenes at several levels simultaneously (local / national / international).

• STEP: Operational instrument of the ILO "Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All".
Step’s Strategy

• **Creation of partnerships** and strengthening the existing networks: International Alliance, AMIN, ACYM, la Concertation, etc.

• **Knowledge development** to stimulate and promote innovation as a way to improving impact:
  - capitalization of practices in the field;
  - creation of knowledge to cover gaps through research and experimentation;
  - share of knowledge through the production and dissemination of publications, training, projects, workshops, etc.

  Key role of partnership (field practitioners, researchers, donors)
The Knowledge Development Tools

... the Internet Platforms

A dynamic platform connecting microinsurance actors for the extension of social security

A community tool and resources centre to strengthen practitioners' capacity to design and implement actions and policies to fight social exclusion

A distance learning campus for the extension of social security in the Americas

The Social Security Department Internet platform on the global extension of social security
The Internet Platforms

- **Contents**: Information, methodological and didactic tools, methods, awareness raising tools;

- A **network of users**: practitioners, researchers, donors, policy makers, international organizations officers, people working for non governmental organizations, etc.;

- A **package of services**: Library, Glossaries, databases, learning, technical assistance, working spaces, research spaces.

- Updated
- Easily available
- Enriched by the users

- Exchanging, collaborating, assisting each other and creating knowledge

- Interconnecting users-users, users-contents

Based on Web 2.0 approach

Social Network + Interaction + Content syndication
WHAT IS GESS?

A global platform dedicated to the extension of social security:

- A complete set of resources, tools, training and technical assistance to design and implement strategies for extension adapted to national and local contexts.

- A space to enhance online collaboration between actors involved in the design and development of projects of extension.

- A platform working at the core of social security extension to capitalize on experiences, identify knowledge gaps, create new knowledge and promote innovation.

- More information
- The GESS brochure

WHAT'S NEW?

> Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes - 2007-08-26
A course for policymakers, government officials and practitioners around the world. From 16 to 29 September 2007 Cape-Town, South Africa. More info
To find out more about the status of social security coverage in a specific country or region, click on the corresponding area of the map or use the links listed below.
In Brief: The extension of social security in India

In recent years, the issue of social protection extension has gained a huge momentum while discussing at all levels the development agenda. The Government of India as well as the various state governments has demonstrated a wider awareness and stronger commitment to respond to the social protection needs of the presently excluded groups.

As a direct result, numerous actors of the civil society (community-based organisations, women's groups, trade informal economy trade unions, NGOs, microfinance institutions etc.) have already designed and set up in-house microinsurance schemes that were tailor-made to answer the priority needs and contributory capacity of their target groups.
This space offers a set of tools on the extension of social security. Your contributions and comments are welcome!

- Library
- Glossary
- Social Security Inquiry Database
- Experts Database

Coming Soon:

- Scheme performance indicators, SPERS, ILO FACTS models
Relevance

Several international instruments affirm that every human being has the right to social security. Today only one of five people in the world has adequate social security coverage, while half of the world’s population is without any social security protection at all.

Social protection is an important tool to prevent poverty, and strengthen the capacity to go out of poverty. The absence of social protection leads to greater chances of falling into poverty or remaining stuck in a poverty trap. Social security has also strongly suggested to contribute to economic growth by raising labour productivity and enhancing social stability.

Extending social protection to the whole population in the world represents a considerable challenge, both from a political and financial point of view as from a technical and institutional view.

The international community recognizes it as a key topic on their agenda. In 2001, during the International Labour Conference, Governments, Employers and Trade Unions reached a new consensus on social security: a major campaign should be launched in order to promote the extension of coverage of social security. During the G8 Conference “Shaping the Social Dimension of Globalization” in 2007, social protection was highlighted as a key area of action and a crucial tool in combating poverty and promoting economic and social development, in particular in developing countries.

Global campaign on Social Security for All

Includes links to documents and other websites concerning the launching of the Campaign in various countries, and other useful information. More info

The approach of the International Labour Office:

- Social security for all: Investing in global social and economic development A consultation, ILO/SECSOC; 2006
- The extension of social security coverage: The approach of the International Labour Office, E. Reynaud
WHAT IS GIMI?

GIMI:
- provides information on microinsurance
- builds knowledge and capacities
- offers technical assistance and fosters collaboration between actors
  - GIMI in brief
  - The GIMI brochure
  - Test guide

WHAT'S NEW?

» First issue of a new publication series on microinsurance, the Key issues series, launched by GIMI.
These two-page length texts offer a synthetic vision of the state of knowledge about a specific theme: legislation, linkages, etc. They entail:
- a synthetic presentation of the current state of knowledge and the identification of knowledge gaps;
- the presentation of initiatives that allow to reduce these gaps, such as working groups that gather experts; launching of research projects, experimental projects, and concrete actions in the field;
- links to different on-line resources and collaborating tools to go deeper into the topic; these links will take you to the GIMI platform or other websites.
*See the first issue
*The second issue, which will come out soon, will be dedicated to the theme of Linkages.

» Summary of and presentations made at the Microinsurance conference, 13-15th November 2007, Mumbai, India
The documents presented and discussed at the Microinsurance conference 2007 are now available here. These documents reflect a very wide variety of approaches to microinsurance, namely those of international organizations, NGOs, training centres, governmental development agencies, Ministries, insurance companies, and foundations.

» ILU / STEP Workshop in Dakar, Senegal, 14-15 November 2007
This space provides a set of tools on micro-insurance. Your contributions and comments are welcome!

- **The library** contains a selection of articles, reports, links, guides, studies, etc., on micro-insurance and the extension of social protection.

- The bilingual French-English **glossary** contains over 100 terms and their definitions.

- The **expert database** contains a large collection of professionals' CVs (technicians, trainers, etc.). You can contact directly the experts of our database. We also encourage you to add your CV!

- The **management and monitoring software**, well adapted to the Indian and West African contexts, are available for downloading free of charge. You can use them to manage memberships, premiums and benefits of health micro-insurance schemes and to monitor a certain number of indicators.

- The **microinsurance scheme database** contains information of schemes in Africa, Asia and Latin America. You can search for schemes according to certain criteria, add new schemes or update information already available online.

- The tool **links** contains a list of sites linked to microinsurance and social security. You can also find a short description of each site. For a reference to your site, please contact gimi@ilo.org.

**Coming soon:**

- The **database on the use of health services** contains information on medical consumption (facilitating premium calculation) and on monitoring indicators for health micro-insurance schemes. It constitutes a unique source of information in this field.

- The **benefits calculation software** enables you to calculate premiums on medical consumption from your own data or from data found in the statistical database.
ONGOING WIKI PROJECTS

This space allows you to present your projects in the field (implementation of micro-insurance schemes, etc.) and your research on micro-insurance and the extension of social security.

China Project

MASMUT Projects

Jharkhand Projects

"Protection sociale agro-sylvo-pastorale" Project, Senegal
(in FR only)

Legislation Project India

Social marketing project Benin
(in FR only)

MIMIS

To create your own workspace please contact GIMI.
Welcome to G-Forum: a space of discussion and debate!

G-Forum is a discussion forum on microinsurance and the extension of social security.

The discussion groups are accessible to all subscribers of Gimi and Gess. Once you are signed in to Gimi / Gess, you can participate at one of the discussion groups in progress.

Subscribers of the discussion group will receive messages from the group by email. They can post questions to the discussion group, exchange information and suggest new discussion topics.

Current discussions

I don't participate in:

- discusiones sobre acym
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- Workshop Bangkok
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- Principles and key elements of regulation on microinsurance in the social protection field
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- Gimi test STEP-team Genova

I participate in:

- Gimi example english
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- Policy forum on the extension of social security
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- Info-GIMI (français)
  Consult the archives
  Participated admin
- MAS Gestion Support
  Consult the archives
This space aims to gather any news regarding the extension of social security and micro-insurance. Posted contributions are regularly published in our G-News, GIMI and GESS' newsletter, and sent to all users of both platforms.

- Share an experience of extension of social security which you are involved in...
- Inform other users of recent developments of the micro-insurance scheme you work with...
- Promote a publication or new software...
- Share any other relevant news...

**NEWLES EN FRANÇAIS**

You need to login to post a message on this page. Messages are presented chronologically by language.

**The Microinsurance of the South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies**

This 120 primary societies and 30,000 fishermen-strong federation has annual sales of INR 450m (€ 8.1m, US $11m) and provides a wide range of activities and services ranging from boat manufacturing, to microfinance or advice to fisherwomen’s associations in order to “assume collective control over [the fishermen’s] own destinies”. The Federation was also involved in the Tsunami relief, particularly by building homes.

Because fishermen lead dangerous lives, SIFPS has developed into a not for profit nodal agency that works under a partner-agent model with various mainstream
Welcome to the CIARIS Learning and Resource Centre on Social Inclusion. CIARIS has a history of knowledge development on social inclusion issues, people, information and communication technologies. CIARIS aims to strengthen practitioners’ capacity to design, plan, manage and evaluate projects and policies to fight social exclusion and promote decent work. To do this, CIARIS collects information and knowledge, connects people working in the field of social inclusion and poverty reduction, provides training and technical assistance.

Join CIARIS global community and:

- meet other people working against social exclusion in different parts of the world;
- participate in working groups to create new knowledge, manage your projects, or simply exchange experiences;
- be informed on the latest news in the field of social exclusion.

Latest Blog Posts From Workspaces:

- Moçambique: Índice de 208 milhões de euros para combater pobreza e SIDA in Exclusão Social e HIV/SIDA
- Moçambique: Farmácia Comunitária in Exclusão Social e HIV/SIDA
- Cabo Verde: Pobreza, abandono escolar e estigmatização in Exclusão Social e HIV/SIDA
- Moçambique: Epopeia nos foros de discussão in Exclusão Social e HIV/SIDA
- Brasil - Oficina de Implementação do Plano Integrado de Enfrentamento à
Welcome to CIARIS Library. CIARIS Library is the result of the continuing work and contributions of partner organizations and users. Each Library component is the result of a workspace that users can visit and participate in. In this way you may contribute to each Library component. You are most welcome in CIARIS Community where you will be able to create, collaborate and share cases, stories, or research with other users.

More recently CIARIS partners have been working on the linkages between social inclusion and different topics, including social assistance, local economic development, HIV/AIDS, childcare, and gender equality. These topics are always addressed through the lens of preventing social exclusion and promoting decent work. These resources can be found in the Library under Topics. Transversal issues running through social exclusion can be found in the Library under Approaches.

The Search multiple options and the "Tag cloud" on your left will help you to get the most pertinent results when using CIARIS Library. Consult the CIARIS Library Search Guide for more.
Welcome to the CIARIS Community - a network of people and friends committed to combating social exclusion. The community gathers people from more than 20 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and East and Western Europe. Some are working at policy level, others are local practitioners, from public and private sector, the academic world and the international community.

In this Community space you can:

- find out about the other people in the network, identify the people working in your areas of interest, read their blogs;
- create a workspace for a small or big project, discussion or training activity that you want to carry out.

You need to be a registered member to be able to do this, so please join now.

CIARIS also provides a resources database from experiences and practices to fight exclusion compiled from all over the world. So, don’t forget to consult the CIARIS library, which you are welcome to browse and to add to.
Managing HIV/AIDS-related topics in CIARIS

CIARIS team workspace to allow the collaborative work on the management of HIV/AIDS-related topics in CIARIS: planning, organization of activities, production of documents, team work

This workspace aims at managing the CIARIS content management system related to HIV and AIDS. ONLY people involved in the CIARIS management team on HIV and AIDS are involved. It enables to jointly manage and animate the overall community related to that topic.

This workspace is administered by: Margherita Licata Simone Rosa Philippe Vanhuysegem

This workspace has: 1 file(s) 18 member(s) 14 wiki(s)

Next events:
There are currently no events in the calendar.

Workspace Blog: Managing HIV/AIDS-related topics in CIARIS
There are currently no posts.

Join 'Managing HIV/AIDS-related topics in CIARIS'!
Who are the people in the CIARIS network? Find out who we are, what we do and how to connect. Click on someone's name or photograph and read their profile. You will find people with similar or complementary interests to you that you can add to your personal network. Don't forget to keep your own profile updated so that people can also make contact with you. If you are not already a member of CIARIS network, just sign up.