An R-UNDG Working Group on Social Protection in the Arab States

The UN Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPF-I)
A 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

“This new, universal, sustainable development agenda requires an international community that is ‘fit for purpose’ …”
SPF-1 structures

GLOBAL
- UNDG / UN DOCO
- UNDP MPTF

REGIONAL
- R-UNDG REGION
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NATIONAL
- UNRCs / UNCTs
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- Global knowledge development and sharing
- Support to regional activities and groups
- Fundraising
- Regional knowledge development and sharing
- Common positions and advocacy
- Support in-country activities
- Conduct joint activities at national level
- Integrate SPF into UNDAFs
- Joint resource mobilization at national level
Blending national, regional expertise

1. Each agency nominates a regional focal point to the Group

1. Agencies submit country expert names to UNRC

2. UNRCs nominate two experts for each country
Example: R-UNDG ECA structure

R-UNDG ECA

Facilitator, rotating

Regional expert, UNICEF

Regional expert, ILO

Regional expert, UNDP

Country expert, UNICEF

Country expert, UNICEF

Country expert, UNICEF

Country expert, UNICEF

Country expert,-ILO

Country expert, ILO

Country expert, UNICEF

Country expert, WHO

Albania

Moldova

Kyrgyzstan

Ukraine

NATIONAL

REGIONAL
UN cooperation in the Arab States

• UN-wide landscape analysis on social protection cooperation
  – “UN Arab States Social Protection Issues Brief”
    • UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, UNHCR, WFP contributing
    • Focus on closing humanitarian-development gap

• Joint country activities

• Joint fundraising efforts

• Adoption of shared regional approach to SP expansion
R-UNDG Arab States TORs

- **Coordination** – information sharing
- **Knowledge development and sharing** – new research based on regional priorities (e.g. social protection for refugees)
- **Support for in-country activities** – capacity building efforts, application of tool-kits
- **Common positions and advocacy** – definitions and approaches
Thank you.

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