“Denying this human right to 4 billion people worldwide is a significant obstacle to economic and social development”

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder

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Population receiving at least one social protection benefit (SDG 1.3)

Europe & Central Asia: 84%
Americas: 68%
Asia & the Pacific: 39%
Africa: 18%

Only 29% are covered by the full range of social security benefits, including child benefits, benefits in case of maternity, unemployment, employment injury, sickness, disability, old-age and survivors’ benefits, as well as health protection.

Social protection coverage (SDG 1.3) by population groups

Child and family benefits
- 35% covered
- 1.3 billion children remain uncovered

Maternity benefits
- 41% covered
- 83 million mothers with newborns do not receive maternity benefits

Unemployment benefits
- 22% covered
- 152 million unemployed workers are not covered

Disability benefits
- 28% covered
- The majority of persons with disabilities is not protected

Old-age pensions
- 68% covered
- 196 million older persons do not receive old-age pensions

Universal health coverage

56% of the global rural population lacks health coverage, as compared to 22% in urban areas.

SDG Target 1.3: «Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems for all, including floors»
ILO Recommendation No. 202, 2012

Achieving universal social protection is part of the SDGs

- SDG 1: Eradicate poverty
- SDG 3: Achieve universal health coverage
- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality
- SDG 8: Promote decent work and economic growth
- SDG 10: Reduce inequalities