The state of social protection in ASEAN at the dawn of integration

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...provided that we have social protection for all
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Four guarantees of a social protection floor

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Four countries achieved (near) universal health coverage
Six others are committed
Quality and access
Free primary education: 86% completed primary school

All countries have school feeding programmes

Childcare
- Legal coverage for work injury between 7% and 88%
- Two countries have unemployment insurance
- Sickness
- Maternity
✓ 30% elderly receive monthly pension
✓ Adequacy of benefit
Employer liability

Social insurance
Recommendations
- Universal social protection
More risk pooling and redistribution through social insurance or tax-financed schemes
- Women are more to be excluded from adequate social protection
- Improved implementation, delivery and accessibility of benefits
- Improved mechanisms and tools for monitoring and transparency
- Larger role of social partners
Benchmark or baseline for extending coverage

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Stronger political will in financing social protection
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