

SPIAC-B

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Update on progress in ICSW to support SDG 1.3 and USP2030

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“Founded in 1928, the **International Council on Social Welfare** (ICSW) <https://www.icsw.org/> is an international non-governmental organization singularly committed to inclusive social development from the perspectives of social work, social services and social research driven by a range of actors with a shared mission to eliminate poverty and enhance human welfare through advocacy, knowledge-building and technical assistance at national and international levels.

ICSW’s membership unites over 100 national and international organizations as well as country-based organizations in more than 70 countries working in ICSW’s nine regions: Central and West Africa, East and Southern Africa, Middle East and North Africa, South Asia, South East Asia and the Pacific, North East Asia, Europe, North America and the Caribbean, and Latin America. ICSW’s national member organizations together represent tens of thousands of locally-based organizations.

ICSW is a founding voice for the U.N.’s 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda Goal to achieve national social protection systems - based on the universal right to social security - as a major means for poverty eradication. ICSW is a core group member of the **Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors** <http://www.socialprotectionfloorscoalition.org/>.

As a participant on the SPIAC-B, ICSW is pleased to report continuing work on Social Protection in two areas:

1. advocacy through the national member organizations, with a particular emphasis on universality as a fundamental principle and an essential modality of Social Protection systems; and
2. promotion of any and all opportunities to monitor and evaluate components of Social Protection that are in place, being proposed or developed, to ensure that actions taken can be critically assessed for their benefits and replicability.

As a founding and core group member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, ICSW is pleased to report continuing contributions to:

1. the Global Coalition’s advocacy for Social Protection at global level; and
2. the Global Coalition’s technical assistance to civil society partners with respect to the actions they undertake at national level.”