

Provincial Project Launch: Draft Agenda and Programme Schedule

5th February, 2021 (10:30am-12:00 noon) on Zoom

Introduction

‘Improving Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management’ is part of the European Union (EU)’s global Action on improving synergies between social protection (SP) and public finance management in the evolving federalization context. The Action is being implemented in priority partner countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Nepal, Paraguay, Senegal and Uganda. United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), International Labour Office (ILO), and Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF) are key global partners. In Nepal, the project is being jointly led by UNICEF and ILO, implemented in collaboration with We Social Movements (WSM) on behalf of the GCSPF, and is supported by EU and FCDO.

The key objective of the programme is to support the government in improving social protection policies; financing strategies; coordination mechanism; and implementation and monitoring systems in order to increase coverage to the excluded, including PWDs, informal sector workers and people with disaster risks. The programme key stakeholders include responsible government ministries; government’s implementing agencies, workers’ and employers’ organizations, civil society organisations (CSOs). The project is to be completed in May 2023.

In this regard, a global project launch was held on 17th November 2020. As the programme envisages working closely with provincial government, a programme launch at the provincial level is being organized on 5th February, 2021.

Programme Schedule

Time	Details
10:30-10:45am	Opening Ceremony ● Honourable Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Member, National Planning Commission ● Mr. Lok Nath Poudyal, Secretary, Ministry of Social Development (Province-6) ● Mr. Krishna Prasad Kapri, Secretary, Ministry of Social Development (Province-2) ● Mr. Bhupal Baral, Secretary, Chief Minister’s Office (Province-2)

10:45-11:00am	Introduction to the Programme • Mr. Marco Gemmer, Head of Cooperation European Union • Ms. Elke Wisch, Representative, UNICEF • Mr. Richard Howard, Director, ILO
11:00- 11:10am	SP and PFM Context in Nepal • Mr. Jitendra Basnet, Director-General, Department of National ID and Civil Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs • Mr. Binod Prakash Sing, Joint-Secretary, Labour Relation and Social Security Division, Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security
11:10-11:35am	Presentation on the Programme • Ms. Usha Mishra Hayes, Section Chief, Social Policy, Evidence and Evaluation, UNICEF • Mr. Andre Felipe Bongestabs, Social Protection Project Officer, ILO • Mr. Bruno Deceukelier, Asia Coordinator, WSM on behalf of GCSPF
11:35-11:55am	Q&A
11:55 am- 12:00noon	Closing Remarks • Honourable Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Member, National Planning Commission