

Enhancing Social Protection System: Towards Investments for Results

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Global Action

Improving Synergies Between Social Protection and Public Finance Management (PFM) is jointly implemented by the ILO, UNICEF and the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF). The programme aims to support countries in achieving universal social protection coverage by:

- Improving the design, implementation and financing of the social protection systems;
 - Ensuring social protection systems are gender-sensitive, disability-inclusive and shock-responsive
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Global Action Programme Structure

The global Action is being implemented in 18 countries based on two approaches.

APPROACH 1

3 year technical services to countries
Research
Training and Capacity Building

Countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Cambodia,
Ethiopia, Nepal, Paraguay, Senegal, and
Uganda

APPROACH 2

1 year technical services to countries
through Calls for Proposals

Countries: Bangladesh, Cabo Verde, Côte
d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Malawi, Myanmar,
Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka and Togo.

Global Action Programme Structure

- **Project: Enhancing Social Protection System: Towards Investments for Results in Nepal**
 - **When: April 2020 – May 2023 (41 months)**
 - **Donor: Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (EC-DEVCO)**
 - **Implementing Partners: ILO, UNICEF and We Social Movements (WSM) on behalf of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (GCSPF).**
 - **Joint-Leadership: Ministry of Labour, Employment, and Social Security, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Social Security Fund at the Federal Level and the Provincial and Local Governments.**
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Project Objective

To support the Government of Nepal in:

- **Strengthening** social protection policies;
 - **Enhancing financing** and **PFM** for **social protection**; and,
 - Improving coordination and monitoring mechanisms in order to **increase coverage to the excluded and vulnerable groups**
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Expected Results

- Increased capacity to develop resilient, inclusive **national social protection policies**, sustainable **financing strategies** and **legal frameworks**;
- Established and operational high-level social protection **coordination and M&E frameworks**;
- Increased capacity of Federal and Provincial Governments to plan, budget, implement and monitor **extension of contribution-based social protection**, while ensuring financial sustainability of the contributory system;
- Increased capacity to revise policies, set standards, oversee, monitor and report the **social assistance programmes** and to identify options to create fiscal space;
- Enhanced **accountability mechanisms** at local government level in Province 2 and 6;
- **CSOs and Trade Unions are involved** in the development, implementation and monitoring of social protection and PFM policy processes.

Key Activities

- **Policy Consolidation:** Support the development of a common vision with objectives and functions of the social protection system clearly defined in the context of national goals and plans including a national-level coordination mechanism with sub-national institutions and appropriate financing strategies.
 - **Institutional Strengthening:** Support the establishment of innovative modalities and building the institutional capacity for the planning, budgeting and coordination of social protection; support in improving the inter-sectoral alignment, policy coherence and the delivery of quality social protection programmes to make them efficient and inclusive for beneficiaries.
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Key Activities

- **Knowledge Building:** Support targeted research and evaluation on the effectiveness of social protection programmes for robust evidence base.
 - **Public Finance Management:** Build on the identified fiscal space and the expenditure analysis work of the World Bank to cost key social protection programmes as well as provide technical assistance to the Provinces on financing of social protection measures.
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Contribution of the program to social security

To expand social protection measures, in particular, contribution-based social protection to the population.



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Progress to Date

The ILO has been working in close coordination with the Social Security Fund (SSF) in the implementation of the project activities to expand coverage of contribution-based social protection. The following are some of the progress to date:

- **Systems review** that aims to foster the improvement and effective implementation of the SSF's ICT environment that is aligned with the business process, governance, and management.
 - **Capacity building** of SSF officials on knowledge on policy and areas of IT to enhance knowledge transfer and backstopping for provinces in the expansion of contribution-based social protection measures.
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Progress to Date

- **Capacity needs assessment and a capacity development plan** that will attempt to identify the multiple dimensions of capacity, and the competencies required to effectively implement a contribution-based social security system under the SSF in Nepal.
- **Strengthening of the communications and outreach efforts** of the SSF to reach workers and employers on its four schemes that are currently in implementation.

Contribution of the program to social assistance

*To increase social protection coverage,
especially to the excluded
and vulnerable groups*



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Progress to Date

UNICEF has been working in close coordination with the National Planning Commission (NPC), MOHA and Provincial Governments in the implementation of project activities. The following are some of the key progress till date:

- Provided **technical support** to the **NPC** in **drafting** of a National Integrated Social Protection Framework.
 - Developed **Social Budget Briefs** to advance PF4C agenda through evidence-based advocacy.
 - **Technical support** to provincial government in Beti Bachaw Beti Padao programme
 - Partnership with Save the Children for **strengthening digital social protection systems**, including improving screening and registration of PwDs.
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Progress to Date

- Organised **National e-Conference**, a high-level advocacy with key policymakers on ‘**Assessing Impact and Opportunities for Child and Family-Friendly COVID-19 Response**’ that aimed to take a **stock of SP responses**, provide a **platform for knowledge-sharing, learning and collaboration** on leveraging the pandemic to build a stronger, more resilient SP system.
 - Organised a panel discussion between **children and parliamentarians** to discuss a case for investing in children/advocate for child-sensitive national investments.
 - 4 virtual consultations with **provincial and local governments** in province 2 and 6 was organised for sharing and learning on gaps, challenges and opportunities for SP COVID-19 responses.
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Progress to Date

- Initiated various research and studies:
 - UK-based research firm Development Pathways: **“Social Protection Responses to COVID-19 for Policy Influencing in Nepal”** provides strategic recommendations on shock responsive social protection in short and longer term using rigorous econometric modelling and simulations. (first draft submitted);
 - A study on **SSA registration processes** (through beneficiary viewpoints), especially child grant and disability allowance. (inception report submitted);
 - Review of **accountability mechanisms** for SSAs at local government level in province 2 and 6 (inception report submitted).
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Contribution of the program by engaging civil society

GCSPF-WSM with ITUC-NAC and SPCSN
contributed to:

better understanding and awareness between
trade unions and CSOs

input on Draft National Social Protection
framework

Certain schemes adapted during pandemic

Efforts to include informal workers in SSF



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Progress to Date

- GCSPF: Involvement civil society - facilitated by WSM through two organisations:
- International Trade Union Confederation - Nepal Affiliated Council (ITUC-NAC) focusing on contributory SS
 - Social Protection Civil Society Network (SPCSN) on non-contributory



Progress to Date

National level: involved over 100 stakeholders (CSOs, trade unions and academics) Celebrate National Social Security Week end of Nov.

Awareness raising over 60.000 people through social media, radio jingles and public service announcements, as well as media coverage.

Advocacy: joint declaration during National Social Security Day - ten appeal letters were drafted by SPCSN



Progress to Date

At local level:

Selected two pilot municipalities:
Helambu Rural Municipality and
Kalaiya Sub-Metropolitan City to
research and document if CSO
involvement makes difference to
cover more people better

Trade unions meeting in all 7
provinces to promote contributory
SSF and approach local authorities to
promote SSF to informal workers



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