



► Social Protection Floors

Social protection floors (SPFs) cover people throughout the life cycle, whenever in need. They can help to alleviate poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion. They are defined according to the situation in each country, and comprise 4 basic guarantees.



Access to **essential health care**, including maternity care, that meets the criteria of availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality.



Basic income security for **children**, at least at a nationally defined minimum level, providing access to nutrition, education, care and any other necessary goods and services.



Basic income security, at least at a nationally defined minimum level, for **persons in active age** who are unable to earn sufficient income in cases of sickness, unemployment, maternity and disability.



Basic income security, at least at a nationally defined minimum level, for **older persons**.

Countries should establish SPFs as a fundamental element of their national systems. The systems should provide progressively higher levels of social protection to more people.

