Social protection in Finland's development policy and cooperation

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Finland: White Paper 2012-16

- **Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA): "*Extreme poverty is the greatest human rights issue.*"**

- Finland promotes strengthening the status of the poor and the reduction of inequalities...

- Finland supports social policies that increase equal opportunities for social, economic, and political participation as well as access to basic services and a social protection floor.

- Good nutrition, health, education, decent work and basic social protection as well as the realisation of the basic rights at work have a key role in this.

- Particular attention ... to the rights and equal participation opportunities of people who are vulnerable, socially excluded and discriminated against.

Finland: Bilateral

- **Zambia** Social Protection Expansion Programme (with Unicef, DFID, Ireland). Finland's focus: Capacity building of Social Care Workers & Reform of the Disability Legistlation
- **Central Asia & Southern Caucasus**: Decent Work Country Programmes, incl. social protection (ILO)
- **Tanzania**: Pilots related to build-up of a nationwide Productive Safety Net TASAF (World Bank)
- **India**: Empowerment of communities in accessing the national employment guarantee scheme and health insurance scheme (Save the Children Finland)
- **Disability/many countries**: Inclusive education (bi), employment (DPO), empowerment (DPO), capacity (DPO)

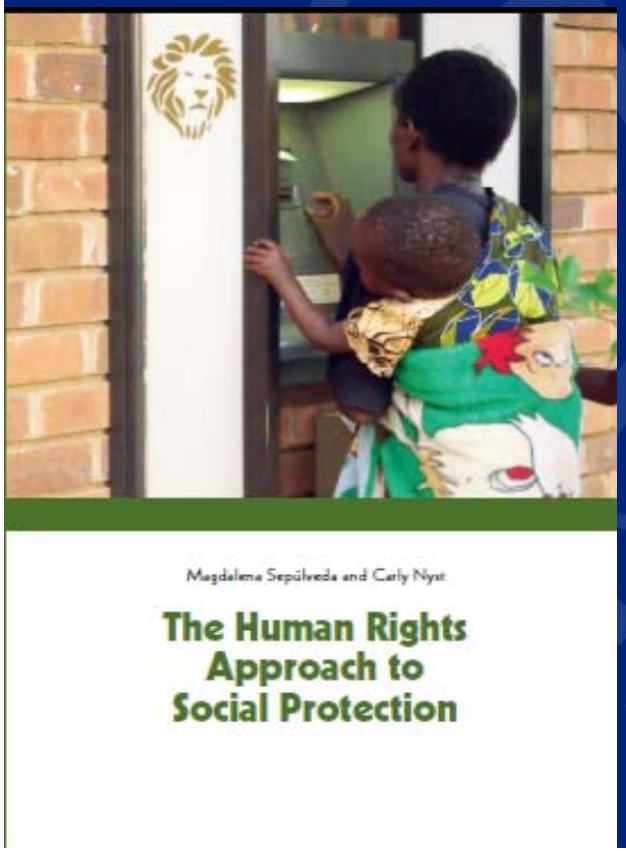
-RIO: UN HL Panel on Global Sustainability:

- SP and safety nets are essential tools

- SP systems act as springboards to empower people to resume productive lives

- SP can help build effective States — by deepening the social contract between citizens and States.

- States to ensure access to basic SP <u>for all</u> !



Publication *Human Rights Approach to Social Protection* by Dr. Magdalena Sepulveda, UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty, with <u>Foreword by Ms. Heidi Hautala, Finland's Minister</u> for International Development. Available at:

<u>www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15458&contentlan=2&culture=en-US</u>

+ FINANCIAL SUPPORT + ACTIVE PARTICIPATION :

- One-UN Social Protection Floors Initiative (through ILO)
- EU: *Communication/Conclusions on SP in EU Devt Coop*
- UNICEF: SP Strategic Framework
- WB: 10-Year Strategy on SP
- AU Social Policy Framework (with AUC-DSA)
  - \+ AU SocPol Analytic Capacity Bldg (IDEP+FIN+GIZ)
  - \+ AU Disability Architecture AUDA (FIN+GIZ+USA)
- Poverty-Environment Partnership RIO-Paper:
  Buidling Inclusive Green Economy for All → SocProt !!
- UN Partnership on Rights of Persons with Disabilities UNPRPD
- Global Partnership on Disab.& Devt GPDD

+ UNFPA: High Level Panel on Reproductive Rights and Health