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Implementing social protection floors based on national priorities

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What is the social protection floor ?

Social Protection Floors: a renewed UN mandate

2009 UN Social Protection Floor initiative (SPF-I) launched (ILO-WHO leading)

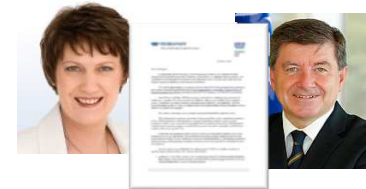


Under UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination



2011 Bachelet Report, G20 endorsement

2012 ILO Recommendation 202, consensus among 185 member States, workers' and employers' representatives



UN ECOSOC endorsement

2014 Endorsement and call for continued SPF-I efforts by UNDG and ILO (2014)



2015 SDGs and post-2015 agenda, Goal 1. "End Poverty", Target 1.3 on social protection, including SPFs

SPF: Four essential guarantees

as defined in ILO Recommendation 202

1

Essential health care for all residents

2

Social protection for all children

3

Support to people of working age

In cases of unemployment, maternity, disability and work injury

4

Pensions for all older persons

Principles in SPF ILO Recommendation No. 202

UNIVERSALITY

- Universal coverage of residents by comprehensive SS

NON-DISCRIMINATION

- Based on equal treatment (and gender equality)
- Responsiveness to special needs
- Social inclusion, including informal economy

TRANSPARENCY

- Accountable and sound financial management, admin

SUSTAINABILITY

- Financial, fiscal and economic sustainability with due regard to social justice and equity

RIGHTS AND DIGNITY

- Respect for rights and dignity of people
- Full respect for collective bargaining and freedom of association for workers

DELIVERY

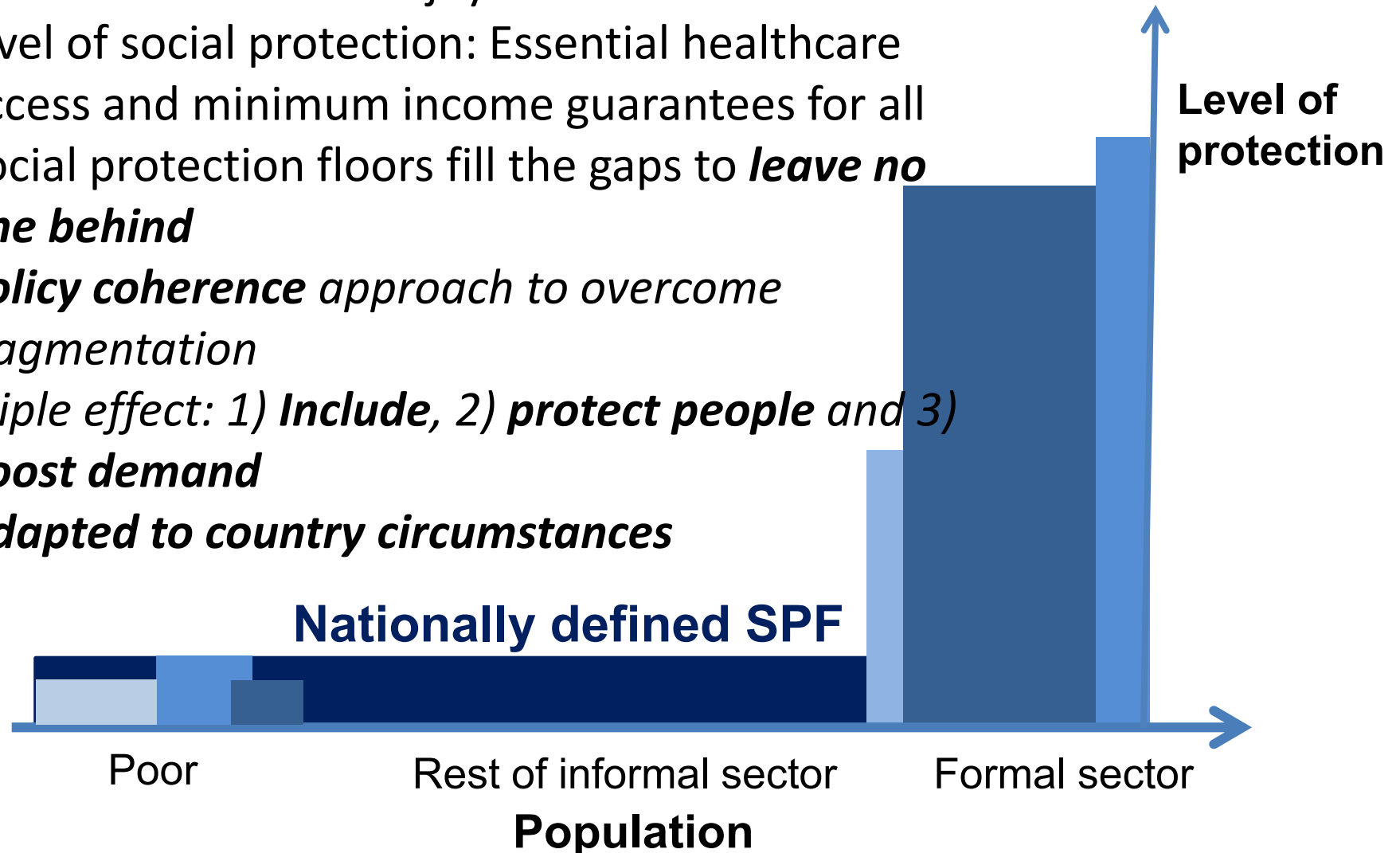
- High-quality public services that enhance delivery of SS

EVALUATION

- Regular monitoring and periodic evaluation

Nationally-Defined Social Protection Floors

- All residents should enjoy at least a minimum level of social protection: Essential healthcare access and minimum income guarantees for all
- Social protection floors fill the gaps to *leave no one behind*
- *Policy coherence approach to overcome fragmentation*
- *Triple effect: 1) Include, 2) protect people and 3) boost demand*
- *Adapted to country circumstances*



National SPF assessment Involving stakeholders



Line ministries (Labour, Health, Social Welfare, Planning, Interior, Education, Finance, Rural Development, Women's Affairs, etc.), social security institutions

Local governments

Workers' and employers' organizations

National Statistics Office, academicians

UN agencies involved in SPF (ILO, UNICEF, WHO, UNECA, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNWOMEN, UNDP, WFP), World Bank, AU, BAD, other development partners

Civil society

National SPF Assessment (ABND)

Step 1 – Building the SPF Assessment Matrix including the identification of **priority recommendations**



Step 2 – SPF **Cost Assessment & Feasibility Studies** to estimate the cost of implementing the social protection recommendations



Step 3 – Finalisation of the SPF **Assessment Report for Endorsement** and further action by the higher levels of government

Building the SPF Assessment Matrix based on national priorities (ABND)

	SPF objectives	Govt. strategy	Existing provisions	Policy gaps	Implementation issues	Recommendations
Health	Four SPF guarantees	Identifying existing situation in the country		Identifying policy gaps and implementation issues, addressing which would complete the SPF		Priority policy options, decided through national dialogue
Children						
Working age						
Elderly						

Other joint UN Initiatives on Social Protection

- International Social Protection Assessment (ISPA) Tools

<https://ispatools.org/>

- Social Protection Interagency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B) requested by G20, created in 2012
- TRANSFORM Training programme

Can Low Income Countries afford a SPF?

Universal cash transfers for children		
Coverage	Benefit level	Cost
All children 0-5	25% of poverty line	1.4% of GDP
All orphans 0-15	100% of poverty line	0.04% of GDP

Source: ILO, Universal social protection floors: Costing estimates and affordability in 57 lower income countries, ESS n. 58

Can Low Income Countries afford a SPF?

Universal Maternity Benefit		
Coverage	Benefit level	Cost
All women with newborns	100% of poverty line for 4 months	0.4% of GDP

Source: ILO, Universal social protection floors: Costing estimates and affordability in 57 lower income countries, ESS n. 58

Can Low Income Countries afford a SPF?

Universal Benefit for persons with severe disabilities

Coverage	Benefit level	Cost
All persons with severe disabilities	100% of poverty line	0.8% of GDP

Source: ILO, Universal social protection floors: Costing estimates and affordability in 57 lower income countries, ESS n. 58

Can Low Income Countries afford a SPF?

Universal old age pension		
Coverage	Benefit level	Cost
All persons 65 or more	100% of poverty line	1.6% of GDP

Source: ILO, Universal social protection floors: Costing estimates and affordability in 57 lower income countries, ESS n. 58

Examples of Universal Social Protection – MONGOLIA

Mongolia Universal Child Money Program

Coverage	Benefit level	Cost	Poverty impact
All children 0-18	About 10 USD	1.4% of GDP	Reduction of poverty incidence by 12%

Source: ILO, Universal social protection floors: Costing estimates and affordability in 57 lower income countries, ESS n. 58

Examples of Universal Social Protection - BOLIVIA

Bolivia Renta Dignidad – Universal Old Age

Coverage	Benefit level	Cost	Poverty impact
All persons 60 or more	35.9 USD if no contributory benefits 28.7 USD if receive contributory benefits	1.2% of GDP	Reduction of poverty incidence by 14% at the household level

Source: ILO

CONCLUSION

- **Lower income countries can afford universal social protection floors**
- **Social Protection Floors are long term investment (Health, Education, etc.)**
- **But also immediate impact on poverty incidence (cash transfers)**



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A collage of diverse people, including an elderly woman, a man in a uniform, a young girl, a woman holding a baby, and a smiling woman, all overlaid with a blue circular glow.

Thank you !

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