

Social Protection and Public Finance Management in Paraguay

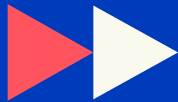


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Program Overview



The **Social Protection and Public Finance Management** project in Paraguay provided technical assistance to the Paraguayan government in public finance management and implementing the ¡Vamos! Social Protection System in the first four selected territories. The project also improved institutional capacity to develop social protection programmes in the context of results-based budgeting.

The project was led by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with support from the European Union in Paraguay (EU) and was developed in partnership with the Government of Paraguay, through the Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet and the General Budget Directorate (DGP) of the Ministry of Finance (MH).

Outputs

This project developed four outputs:

1. Increased efficiency and effectiveness of public spending on social protection.
2. Implementation of the Social Protection System ¡Vamos! in four selected territories.
3. Build institutional capacity for developing social protection programmes in the context of the social protection system and results-based budgeting.
4. Increased knowledge, awareness, and ownership of the ¡Vamos! Social Protection System across public institutions, beneficiaries, and civil society.

The ¡Vamos! Social Protection System is the social protection public policy through which the Paraguayan State integrates public services to accompany each person and guarantee their well-being across the life cycle.

What is the results-based budgeting?

Results-based budgeting is a public management strategy that aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public spending through programs oriented to people's well-being, with tangible and short-term objectives.

Main achievements of Output 1

The project generated evidence on the economic and social benefits of investing in social protection.



The Political Economy of Social Protection in Paraguay

This report presents the main results of the study on "The Political Economy of Social Protection in Paraguay" conducted in 2021, with a view to paving the way to provide sustainability and space for the growth and strengthening of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System.

Effects of Social Protection Investment

This report estimates the potential effects of increasing social protection investment by measuring its direct and indirect impacts on macro, micro and sectoral variables.

Gap analysis and fiscal space for social protection

This report identifies existing social protection coverage and financing gaps. It explores mechanisms to expand fiscal space to close these gaps.

Debunk social protection myths in Paraguay

Debunking Social Protection Myths is an initiative by the SP&PFM country project, supported by the Delegation of the European Union in Paraguay. It debunks misconceptions about social protection and highlights the advantages of accessing this fundamental human right. The initiative utilizes various tools, such as blogs articles , infographics, and podcasts, to promote understanding of social protection, including its benefits, the contributory system, conditional and unconditional cash transfers and the role of social protection throughout individuals' lives.



Main achievements of Output 2

The project provided technical assistance for ¡Vamos! Social Protection System management model's implementation during its demonstrative phase in the four territories throughout the country.



Integrated Social Protection Form (FIPS)

This field data collection instrument has been applied in 2,732 households in the District of Villeta (approximately 25% of the total population of the municipality), collecting socio-demographic information, levels of social protection and social unprotection on four specific groups: household conditions; general population; children and adolescents; and older adults. This successful test has made it possible to unify in a single instrument the different mechanisms used by the different ministries to collect information for the design of policies and the provision of social services.

Technical Assistance to the District Social Protection Boards

The project provided technical assistance to the installation and strengthening of the District Social Protection Boards in the four demonstrative territories. The project established an inter-institutional coordination system between the national and local levels for the provision of basic services focused on early childhood. The assistance also strengthened key local actors' capacities, community participation and empowerment.



Systematization of the results of the implementation of the Social Protection System in the demonstration territories

The report aims to record, organize, and analyse the implementation of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System in the four demonstrative territories between 2021 and 2022 (Santa Rosa del Aguaray, Villeta, San Juan Nepomuceno, Mcal. Estigarribia).

The analysis focuses on the system's management model, the implementation strategy, the results obtained, and the factors involved in these results. The findings will contribute to identifying lessons to strengthen the ¡Vamos!'s management model from a systemic logic of public policies at different levels and scale of territorial management.

Main achievements of Output 3

The project provided technical assistance for the development of the capacities of the institutions involved in the implementation of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System.



OBJETIVO PROFESIÓN SOCIAL

CURSO EN LÍNEA SOBRE FINANZAS PÚBLICAS PARA ANALISTAS DE PROTECCIÓN SOCIAL

13 DE JUNIO – 29 DE JULIO DE 2022
7 SEMANAS, 100 HORAS



Meta Informativa



Online course on public finance for social protection analysts

The project adapted the the online Public Finance course for social protection analysts to Spanish, incorporating the Latin American context, for participants from Paraguay and the Latin American region to acquire practical knowledge to evaluate social protection financing options and develop tailored national financing plans.

Diploma in Social Protection Program Design and Management with a Results-Based Budgeting Approach within the framework of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System

The project created a diploma programme for public servants to learn about results-based-budgeting for social protection, strengthening local capacity in efficient public finance management in social protection. The diploma has been passed to a local university for its continuous implementation beyond the project.



Interministerial experience exchange mission between Chile and Paraguay

The General Budget Directorate (DGP) of the Ministry of Finance (MH) exchanged experiences with the Chilean Budget Directorate (DIPRES) to identify, share, and learn about the best practices on the monitoring and evaluation of programmes, policies and plans, and their interrelation with the different stages of the budget process.

Training on results-based budgeting for local officials of the District Social Protection Boards

This training transmits basic elements on results-based management and budgeting to local officials of the District Social Protection Boards and the Ministry of Education involved in the school dropout reduction programmes. It is estimated to reach a final audience of approximately 200 officials from 32 municipalities.

Main achievements of Output 4

The project provided technical assistance for the elaboration and implementation of the communication strategy of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System, increasing its public institutions', beneficiaries' and civil society's knowledge, awareness and appropriation.



Communication strategy of ¡Vamos! Social Protection System

The project offered technical support for the ¡Vamos! communication strategy. It has been institutionally approved by ministerial resolution, and its implementation has begun. Based on the strategy guidelines. A network of communicators has been formed in each territory, who have received training as a result of an alliance between the Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies to disseminate a creative campaign with specific national and local products.

Study on the perception and knowledge on social protection and the ¡Vamos! Social Protection System

The study collects data on the level of knowledge, perceptions and sources of information on the ¡Vamos! Social Protection System across key actors and beneficiary population in the four territories. The study will allow measuring changes in perception and comparative knowledge between the initial and final baselines.

International seminar on social protection and public finances

The International Seminar on Social Protection and Public Finances was organized jointly with the Technical Unit of the Social Cabinet (UTGS) and the Ministry of Finance (MH) in Paraguay. The seminar highlighted the main results of the SP&PFM country project as well as presentations and interactions with national and international speakers. The seminar attracted 94 in person participants and many more through live broadcast, including civil society, academia, worker's and employer's organizations, international cooperation and officials from the government institutions involved in ¡Vamos! Social Protection.





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