



**Global Coalition for
SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS**

Ahead of the G20 Foreign and Development Joint Ministerial Session
Policy Dialogue on G20 response to adequately tackle the impact of COVID-19
on hunger and food insecurity

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to talk during this policy dialogue on G20 response to food insecurity.

My name is Johanna Wagman, representing the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, a global network of civil society organizations, trade unions and think tanks committed to the realization of ILO 202 Recommendation on social protection floors.

We, Global Coalition, support the call and propositions made by Mr De Schutter regarding a Global Fund for Social Protection.

1. The fund would work to implement rights based SPF

- in line with the International Covenant for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as international labour standards including ILO Convention 102 and Recommendation 202
- through effective engagement of social partners, civil society organizations
- serve as a financing, but also technical support for **low-income** countries to set-up and scale-up national systems of social protection floors and build resilient systems, able to respond to crises
- the fund will leverage coordination of national actors and bring about consistency and synergies of international support from donors and international organizations

→ and therefore have called on the ILO to take a lead role in the establishment and the governance of such a fund.

2. Impossibility to finance SPF for low income countries

- The ILO has estimated that the amount needed to finance social protection floors in the world's lowest income countries would amount to around 78 billion USD.
- While this is just a fraction of a percent (0,25%) of global GDP, it represents around 15% of those countries' collective GDP, which is an unsurmountable burden without support → low income countries having the major segment of their economy in the informal sector
- Yet international funding for social protection is still extremely low (1,4% of total ODA in 2019)
- Therefore, alongside the national responsibility, there is also a need for and duty of international solidarity

3. The fund would push for sustainability of SPF, expanding fiscal space for SP

- Any financial support would be accompanied by technical and advisory support for social protection system development, including co-financing (joint financial contribution of governments and the fund) → in the aim of developing domestic resources
 - o this can include putting in place accountable, transparent and participative public finance management modalities
 - o and engaging with and providing financial, advisory and technical support to civil society to be involved in the planning, implementation and monitoring of social protection systems
- The fund will work in a coordinated manner with international foras, including the Addis Tax Initiative and the Platform for Collaboration on Tax.

Thank you very much, happy to answer any question.