



# Strengthening social protection system in low-income countries through international solidarity

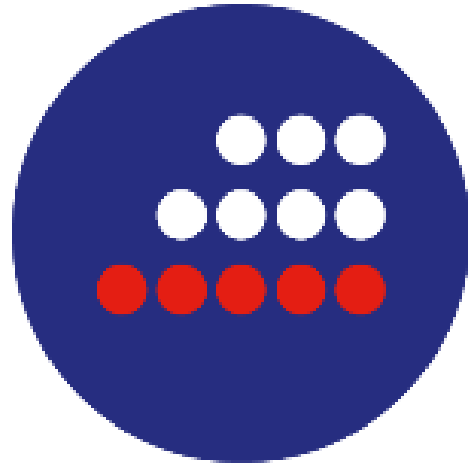
*Side event: How to achieve the SDGs despite the worsening hunger and poverty crisis?*

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Who are  
we?



**Global Coalition for**  
**SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS**

- over 100 civil society groupings
- 2012: Adoption of ILO Recommendation 202 on National Floors of Social Protection
- Committed to human rights guarantees of all people across the life course to social protection and to health; in all countries and regions.

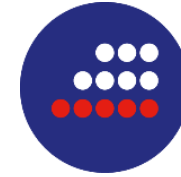
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# What do we want?



- Full implementation of the guarantees of **Social Protection Floors**:
  - universal access to essential health care and
  - basic income security **across the life course**
- Universal **Human Right** to Social security
- Full realisation of the global **commitments to support** countries and citizens of the global south

# Why is Social Protection necessary?



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- SPF: access to essential goods and public services – life in dignity
- Vital to leave no one behind, promise of SDG 1 – no poverty (SDG 1.3) and **most other SDGs**
- COVID-19 an alarm bell
- Only 47% covered by at least one social protection benefit; (Africa less than 18 %)
- Acute food insecurity: from 135 million in 2019 to 276 million in 2022



# Elephant in the room: financing

- Affordable? Yes. It is a matter of Political Will.
- **Investment** in “human capital”
- Affordable for most countries and entirely achievable through the solidarity of the international community
- About 10 to 15 countries have too large financing gaps (> 10 % of GDP) → dependent on international co-financing.



# Why a Global Fund

International support is

- too small
- short-term
- fragmented

→ Larger, long-term and coordinated!



# How will the fund work?



- Support existing systems, respect country ownership and national systems
- Principles of accountability, transparency and participation (including civil society)
- Principles of modern global cooperation: all contribute, all benefit, all decide.
- Open to various funding: national contributions, ODA, special funds, transaction taxes, Special Drawing Rights and philanthropic contributions etc.

# What next?

- Proposed in 2012 and 2015
- Civil society call in 2020
- Human Rights Council, ILO, G7, UN Secretary General 2021
- “Global Accelerator for Jobs and Social Protection”
- Articulated demand from low-income countries?
- **We call on all stakeholders to recommit to the universal roll out of national social protection floors: Address the human right of all people in all countries to social protection, through the principle of national and global solidarity.**







# Welcome to sign the revised Civil Society Call!

**Civil Society Call for a Global Fund for Social Protection  
to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and to build a better future**

**<https://www.socialprotectionfloorscoalition.org/civil-society-call/>**

- Governments have committed to ‘strengthen our social protection systems to reduce inequalities, eradicate poverty, build resilience to climate change and shocks, reduce disaster risk, support just and inclusive transitions and promote fair, equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth (and) expand investment in social protection floors as a percentage of national budgets and extend social protection for all’ (FfD outcome document para 7)