

# Global Alliances for Social Protection II

## Dialogue and joint learning to promote universal social protection worldwide

### Context

The 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) create a framework for all countries to combat poverty. Within this background, social protection systems have an important role to play, since they aim to protect the population against social, economic and natural risks. In addition, effective social protection systems promote the active participation of all population groups in economic growth processes, contribute to the reduction of inequalities and thus support sustainable and inclusive social development. Numerous countries have therefore incorporated the establishment and expansion of universal social protection systems into their national development strategies and plans to ultimately ensure income security and support to all people across the life cycle. Despite this progress, 73% of the world's population have only partial or no access to comprehensive social protection systems. Many developing and emerging countries want to align their efforts more closely with the principles of the 2030 Agenda and its underlying goal of promoting prosperity for all through global partnerships based on human dignity.

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### Approach

The programme takes up the principles of the 2030 Agenda (universality, indivisibility, leaving no one behind, participation and accountability) and acts in accordance with the Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection 2030 to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (USP2030). On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ supports the exchange of experiences, mutual learning and political participation

of and between national partners and global actors on social protection topics. The programme supports countries in joining USP2030 for participating on the global political level as well as the design and utilization of the countries' experience and knowledge and the integration of the results into national policy processes. The programme acts as an intermediary, promoting adequate exchange formats and platforms jointly developed with the partners. These include face-to-face and virtual formats such as online communities, specialist events and conferences, workshops, learning forums, live streams and webinars on different aspects of social protection, including adaptive social protection, beneficiary identification and registration, cash transfers, and economic inclusion.



### Proximity through decentralized presence

Together with the team in Germany, staff in the coordination offices in Indonesia for Asia, in Mexico and Chile for Latin America and in South Africa for Africa ensure close contact with the partners. This decentralised structure makes it possible to react flexibly and directly to the requests and needs of the partners and to involve the national, regional and international partners actively in the design of the programme activities and global processes. In this way, the exchange of knowledge is oriented towards the real needs of the partners. Furthermore, dialogue results can be used and promoted for national follow-up processes. The close cooperation of all regional coordination offices ensures the cooperation and exchange of knowledge across regions.

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## National, regional and international cooperation partners

The programme follows a multi-stakeholder approach and involves various actors in the implementation of its activities. The main partners of the programme are national ministries and development agencies of the participating countries. The programme also works closely together with bilateral, regional and global German development cooperation projects, regional organisations such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the African Union (AU), as well as international partners such as the World Bank Group's Global Practice Social Protection and Jobs and the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) on [www.socialprotection.org](http://www.socialprotection.org).



## Practical examples

**Country involvement:** Universal social protection refers to a nationally defined system of policies and programmes that provide equitable access to all people and protect them throughout their lives against poverty and risks to their livelihoods and well-being. Within the global USP2030 partnership, the programme brings partners to the table to enrich the initiative with their views and objectives and enable their participation in the decision-making processes.

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**Peer-to-Peer Learning on “Economic Inclusion”:** The integration of people into the labour market is one of the fundamental approaches to combating poverty, promoting resilience and combating the causes of displacement. The programme cooperates closely with international organisations and other donors on this topic in promoting exchange of expertise at technical level for experts worldwide. The programme’s engagement in the Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) and its Multi-Donor Trust Fund enables a large Community of Practice to disseminate economic inclusion and graduation-type projects and their implementation on the ground. In addition to that, face-to-face and virtual formats such as conferences, learning forums and webinars offer space for intensive dialogue and enable participants to exchange knowledge across regions.

**Support innovation:** The programme works together with its partners on specific problems to create possible innovative solutions for the partner countries. These solutions are then disseminated in the relevant institutions of the partner countries to drive national reform processes. In this innovation process, the partners are supported by the programme’s regional coordination offices and other cooperation partners.

In late 2011, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ, introduced the budget item ‘International cooperation with regions for sustainable development’ (ICR). Measures funded from this budget item fulfil specific criteria, including:

- Tackling global challenges across countries, regions and policy areas
- Building networks with stakeholders from politics, academia, civil society and the private sector
- Joint financing and partners’ own contributions for the purpose of upscaling and ownership.

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