

Key Messages to DCC from Social Protection WG

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KEY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SECTOR FOR DCC TO KNOW

- The government has endorsed the Social Protection Strategy until 2040, employing a life-cycle approach to protect vulnerable children and families, aligning with national and global priorities.
- MoHSP, with the support of UNICEF and the WB, is conducting a social protection assessment to create a valuable opportunity for evidence-based SP reforms.
- MoHSP, with the support of the DCC-Social Protection WG, has developed a 3-year Plan of Action (2024-26), aiming for an inclusive and shock-responsive SP system.
- The SP Strategy and its PoA offer a critical opportunity to integrate SP with national disaster risk reduction strategy, bolstering resilience and enhancing linkages with preparedness and response.
- The state programme to enhance the Social Sector Workforce creates a pivotal opportunity to establish an integrated system by expanding the capacities of human resources and outreach.

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KEY CHALLENGES IN THE SECTOR

- Despite a robust political commitment to social protection, the focus has primarily been on social insurance for formal workers, with state budget allocation for social assistance covering only approximately 15% of the population and heavily relying on external assistance.
- The current SP system is fragmented and faces efficiency and effectiveness challenges due to a lack of coordination.
- The system also lacks digitalization, comprehensive vulnerability data, and a coherent targeting approach.
- The sector currently has an inadequate monitoring and evaluation function, suffering from a lack of sufficient M&E staff

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ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

UNICEF, World Bank, ILO, WFP, FCDO, IMF, JICA, UNHCR, FAO, UN Women, WHO, Acted, Mission East, National Association of Social Work, Caritas Germany

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KEY GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS

- Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population
- Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of the Population
- Agency for Social Insurance and Pensions
- Ministry of Finance

WHAT YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION

- Leverage the 3-year Plan of Action (2024-2026) to build an inclusive and shock-responsive SP system.
- Create a convincing costing, financing and investment case for inclusive social protection using results of the Social Protection Assessment.
- Emphasize the long-term benefits of proposed social protection reforms as an investment in human capital.
- Enhance government-led Social Protection Sector Coordination Group, fostering collaboration among government agencies, development partners, and civil society organizations.
- Strengthen coordination between social protection and emergency/disaster risk reduction sectors.
- Support an integrated approach to social protection by establishing integrated protection services delivered through a professional and trained social workforce.
- Advocate for and support the development of a robust accountability mechanism for the SP system, incorporating a robust Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework.