

STEP, a global programme of the ILO Social Security Department, is a key instrument in the "Global Campaign on Social Security and Coverage for All".

STEP in Africa provides strategic, political and technical support for the extension of social protection, notably in the field of health.

The activities of the STEP Programme in Africa are carried out in connection with the Global Information on Microinsurance (GIMI) platform

[www.microinsurance.org](http://www.microinsurance.org)

and with the Global Extension of Social Security (GESS) platform

[www.socialsecurityextension.org](http://www.socialsecurityextension.org)

STEP in Africa supports the "Coordination network for the development of mutual health organizations in Africa".

[www.concertation.org](http://www.concertation.org)

The ILO/STEP Programme draws on more than 10 years of experience in microinsurance and the extension of social protection worldwide.

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### Support for decentralized systems of social protection

- Management and monitoring of mutual health organizations and microinsurance schemes
- Drafting of development plans for mutual health organizations (MUSECKIN in DR Congo, Mutuelle de Sécurité Sociale in Benin)
- Creation of statistical databases (average costs, frequencies)

### Design and implementation of nationwide health insurance schemes

- Conduct of feasibility studies for health insurance schemes (e.g., for transportation workers and for agricultural workers in Senegal)
- Implementation of microinsurance schemes using existing microfinance networks (PAMECAS Senegal)

### Professionalizing management capacity for microinsurance schemes

- Creation of a shared management centre
- Distribution of management and monitoring software (Mas Gestion and Mas Pilote)
- Organization of training sessions on managing schemes, conducting feasibility studies, etc.
- Development of methodological and training tools

### Development of contractual arrangements with the health sector

- Participation in the design of national policies for entering into contractual arrangements with health care providers
- Support for the negotiation and implementation of agreements

### Creation of adapted legislation

- Design of a legislative framework for social health mutual organizations in West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) countries

### Set up of pluralistic funding mechanisms

- Design and implementation of systems of financial redistribution at the national and international levels to facilitate access to health care services

### Formulation of national strategies for the extension of social protection

- Participation in the Social Protection National Strategies of Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso and DR Congo

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A VARIETY OF ACTORS

#### Civil society actors

- National Council for Dialogue and Cooperation of Rural Workers in Senegal
- Microfinance institutions (AssEF, PAMECAS)
- Health mutual federations

#### Social partners

- National Committee on Social Dialogue, employers' and workers' organizations in Senegal
- Summit Meeting of African Workers on Social Protection in the Informal Economy

#### Governments

- Integration of social protection into Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs)
- Implementation of health insurance schemes in rural areas
- Design of contractual arrangements with health care providers

#### Bilateral and multilateral cooperation

- Belgium, France and Sweden
- World Bank Poverty Reduction Support Credits (PRSCs)
- Health mutual organizations from Belgium and France