

Access to social security and health care are two fundamental human rights, as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (articles 22 and 25).

However, today, the realization of such rights is far from being effective everywhere. The extent of exclusion from social protection, particularly in health, is considerable in many countries.

Fortunately, there is a renewed interest in the extension of social protection to excluded populations. It has become a priority both with the international community and among Governments in several countries with increased resources being allocated to it.

In 2003 the International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the "global campaign on social security for all". Other international organizations and actors in different countries have concurred with the objectives of this campaign and the values that ILO stands for. In this context, bringing together these players through flexible partnership mechanisms increasingly becomes an essential tool.

This is the *raison d'être* of the coalition set up around an "International Alliance for the extension of social protection" and different regional networks that aims at enhancing and strengthening initiatives dedicated to the extension of social protection, supporting partnerships, and developing a more effective advocacy at all levels.



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A network of actors for the extension of social protection worldwide

AN INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE AND REGIONAL NETWORKS



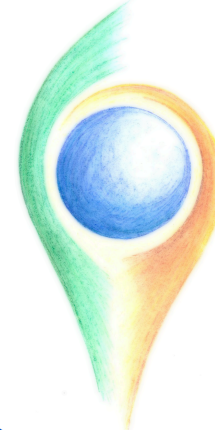
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COMMON VISION, VALUES AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE EXTENSION OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

STRATEGIES AIMED AT :

- > Strengthening synergies
 - > Highlighting international challenges and stakes
 - > Strengthening capacities and advocacy
 - > Sharing information and experiences
 - > Disseminating knowledge and achievements

AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



The **International Alliance for the extension of social protection** aims to bring into the agenda of international institutions the role of extension of social protection in poverty reduction strategies, promotion of decent work, and improved access to health care. The Alliance is based on the common values and principles of fairness, social justice, solidarity, non-profit, responsibility, and transparent and democratic management.

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AT REGIONAL LEVEL

Each network is based on a founding document that has emerged out of international or regional contexts: “The Geneva Consensus” at the international level, “A global strategy for a common action” for Latin America, “The Abidjan Platform” in Africa, and “Joining hands: from local initiatives towards national solidarity systems” for Asia.

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The Networks comprise of organizations involved in the setting-up and development of micro-insurance schemes, which include mutual health organizations, co-operatives, community based organizations and national systems of social protection.

These networks facilitate experience sharing, knowledge dissemination, and development of joint actions through several tools:

- Websites development
- Facilitation of collaborative workspaces
- Conducting inventories
- Organization of regional forums
- Publication of newsletters

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