

PROGRAMME



ADVANCED TRAINING ON THE STATISTICS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 May 2019, Chelsea Hotel, CDB, Abuja, Nigeria

1. Background to SSI: A Shared Methodology for Social Protection Data

Social protection is the set of policies designed to reduce and prevent poverty and vulnerability throughout the life cycle. Social protection systems are implemented through a mix of contributory schemes and tax-financed social assistance. Social protection, or social security, is a human right. Social protection plays a key role in accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by increasing people's income and by addressing vulnerabilities and risks across the whole life cycle. Social protection systems, including floors, are a vital element of integrated policy responses to Leave No One Behind. However, 55% of the world's population and 82% of the population in Africa are not protected at all, and many more are only inadequately protected.

Statistics on social protection coverage, level of benefits, expenditure and financing are critical in the assessment and monitoring of the state of social protection in and across countries. Identifying gaps and defining policies to expand coverage or to improve effectiveness and efficiency of national social protection systems requires reliable data. Thus, there is a growing recognition of the importance, but also recognition of current gaps in its availability, of comprehensive, up to date, comparable and accessible data on social protection to guide reforms and extension of coverage.

The Social Security Inquiry (SSI) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has become the main comprehensive tool used to compile data on social protection coverage for children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, new-borns, work-injury victims, the poor and the vulnerable. In addition, indicators on adequacy of social protection benefits and the revenue and expenditure of the social protection schemes are being produced based on the data provided in the questionnaire. The SSI questionnaires are compiled globally and publishes the data in the World Social Protection Report every two years. The SSI data are also used to inform and monitor progress towards the achievement of social protection-related indicators, in particular SDG indicator 1.3.1.

Member States, including Nigeria, have identified social protection statistics as a critical area for national capacity development and requested support of the International Labour Office (ILO) to strengthen national capacities on concepts and definitions of the social protection statistics, including support to compile the SSI questionnaire. With this backdrop, the ILO and the Federal Ministry of Labour & Employment (FMLE) propose to organize an advanced training on social protection statistics on 28-29 May 2019, in Abuja, Nigeria.

2. Objectives of the training

The training aims to build capacity for the collection, analysis and use of social protection data and statistics, and in particular to fill in the SSI questionnaire for Nigeria.

Specific learning objectives include for participants to:

- Be familiar with concepts and definitions of social protection statistics;
- Use the SSI questionnaire as the collection tool for core set of social protection indicators;
- Appreciate the definitions and types of information needed and possible related sources to complete the data collection through the SSI questionnaire;
- Understand better the SDG indicators on social protection, and in particular the methodology to calculate the SDG 1.3.1.

3. Methodology

The two-day advanced training on social protection statistics is delivered as a hands-on training for the institutions in charge of collecting, analysing and reporting on social protection data. The advanced training will include very practical and interactive exercises, using statistics available in Nigeria and/or fictive case study if statistics are not available. The advanced training presents the advantage of applying directly the technics and knowledge by sitting in small working groups and filling the SSI questionnaire with statisticians of each institution.

Each participant is invited to come to the training with a laptop with access to the statistics relating to social protection at the level of her or his department, agency or Ministry. The practical exercises will use the statistics and data provided by the participants to make the training more relevant and concrete.

At the end of the two-day training, it is expected that the SSI questionnaire will be filled with data and statistics related to the social protection system of Nigeria.

4. Targeted audience

The training will be attended by statisticians and data analysts of the Ministries and state agencies responsible for implementing and monitoring the performance of the social protection programmes working in the social protection sector.

5. Dates and Venue

Dates: Tuesday 28 May and Thursday 30 May 2019

Venue: Chelsea Hotel, CBD, Abuja

Time: 9 AM – 5 PM

6. Agenda

The agenda is found on the next page.

Time	Tuesday 28 May	Time	Thursday 30 May
09:00 – 09:45	Introduction, course objectives and presentation of participants and resource persons FMLE ILO	09:00 – 10:30	Working on the SSI questionnaire: benefits and qualifying conditions Group exercise by scheme/programme
09:45 – 10:15	The World Social Protection Report and SDGs Celine Peyron Bista (ILO)		
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break	10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:30-12:30	The SSI Questionnaire : methodology, concepts, definitions Structure and features of the questionnaire Return on challenges concerning sources and data availability Valeria Nesterenko (ILO) Exercises	10:45-12:30	Working on the SSI questionnaire: Expenditures Group exercise by scheme/programme
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Working on the SSI questionnaire: List of schemes and programmes (in plenary) Exercice in plenary	13:30 – 14:30	Presentation of SSI sheets and lessons drawn from this exercise Plenary
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	15:00-15:15	
15:15 – 17:00	Working on the SSI questionnaire: coverage Group exercise by scheme/programme	14:30 – 16:00	Calculation of SDG 1.3.1: methodology Simulated exercise Valeria Nesterenko (ILO)
		16:00-17:00	Next steps and closing remarks MEFL