

PLAN FOR EXPANDING SOCIAL PROTECTION IN THAILAND TO BE LAUNCHED

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BANGKOK (ILO News) – A report laying out a plan for expanding social protection in Thailand will be launched in the presence of the Thai Prime Minister, Yingluck Shinawatra, on Friday 10 May 2013.

The report “Social protection assessment based national dialogue: Towards a nationally defined social protection floor in Thailand” gives an assessment of the social protection situation in Thailand, identifies policy and implementation issues, offers policy recommendations as well as cost estimates of proposed social protection benefit packages, for creating a comprehensive social protection floor (SPF) in Thailand. The goal of an SPF is to ensure that everyone has access to affordable essential health care, and that everyone, including children and the elderly, have a guarantee of income security throughout their lives.

This report was developed as part of the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF) between the royal Thai Government and the UN; the report has been drafted by the United Nations/Royal Thai Government joint team on social protection, which is co-chaired by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.

The event will take place at Government House on Friday 10 May 2013, starting at 09.00 (with registration from 08.00) and last until midday (please see the attached agenda for more details). In addition to the Prime Minister the event is expected to be attended by the Minister of Labour Mr. Padermchai Sasomsap, the Minister of Social Development and Human Security Mr. Santi Promphat, the ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Mr. Yoshiteru Uramoto, and the UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Luc Stevens. More than 150 guests representing Thai workers’ and employers’ organisations, civil society, academia, embassies and international organizations have also been invited.

The event is open to the press. More details of the report can be found at (<http://www.social-protection.org/gimi/gess/ShowProjectPage.do?pid=2097>) or by contacting:

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