

BUILDING SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS WITH THE ILO TOGETHER, TO CHANGE MILLIONS OF LIVES STARTING WITH NATIONAL DIALOGUE



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ASSESSMENT-BASED NATIONAL DIALOGUE

All over the world, social protection is recognized as an efficient approach to reducing poverty, inequality and exclusion, and as a key element of national development strategies. It is part of the Sustainable Development Agenda (SDG targets 1.3, 3.8, 5.4, 8.5, 10.4).

Building comprehensive social protection systems is a long and continuous process. The first step in this process is the development of a national social protection strategy, a policy on a specific area of social protection (e.g. health) or a five-year implementation plan. The development of such a strategy or plan should be based on national dialogue. The Assessment-based National Dialogue (ABND) methodology can be used to conduct the national dialogue process.

The ABND uses the framework of the four SPF guarantees, namely access to health care, social protection for children, working age people and older people. It has been applied in several countries till date, including Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Malawi, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand, East Timor and others. The ILO has supported national governments by co-facilitating several of these ABND processes together with other development partners.

A PARTICIPATORY PROCESS UNITING DIFFERENT ACTORS

The ABND exercise involves national and provincial government authorities, employer and worker representatives, civil society and development partners. It facilitates dialogue among these actors towards a common objective of building a Social Protection Floor in the country. Different agencies provide inputs in their areas of expertise to aid policy formulation and make social protection a reality for all.



A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH

The ABND helps to formulate relevant, feasible and evidence-based policy options based on an assessment of the national situation, cost estimations and sustained national dialogue. It starts with the establishment of a national working group and comprises three main steps:

1. Qualitative assessment and formulation of policy options

The current social protection system in the country is assessed by identifying policy gaps, implementation issues and policy options to address the gaps and issues.

2. Estimating the cost of policy options

The cost of the policy options is estimated and projected over a 10-year period using the Rapid Assessment Protocol (RAP) tool. This costing exercise can serve as a basis for prioritization of the options.

3. Endorsement of policy options

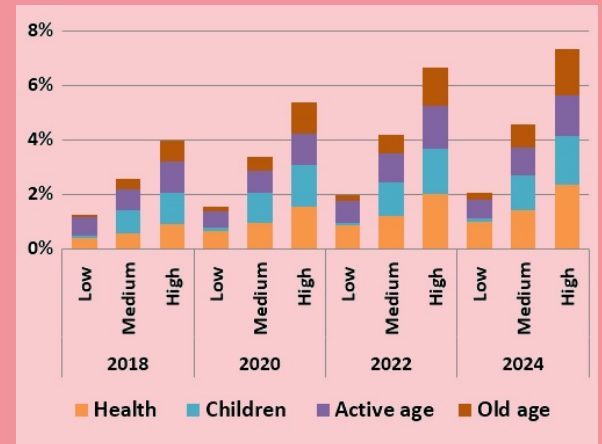
The policy options are endorsed through a dialogue process involving all the different actors. The policy options can lead to the development of a national social protection strategy or a five-year implementation plan for an existing strategy.

A PARTICIPATORY DIALOGUE PROCESS IN MYANMAR

At the time of conducting the Assessment-based National Dialogue process, Myanmar was in a post-conflict setting and undergoing a transition to democracy. Against this backdrop, the ABND successfully facilitated participatory dialogue among ministries and development partners. The ABND process in Myanmar helped to design concrete policy recommendations to establish a SPF in the country. The recommendations were used as inputs to the National Social Protection Strategic Plan.

Furthermore, the ABND was harmonized with other social protection activities undertaken in Myanmar, such as the World Bank's social protection inventory. This encouraged collaboration between development partners, based on mutual synergies.

Cost of SPF packages in Myanmar as % of GDP, 2018-24



FROM RIGHT TO REALITY WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The ILO has long-standing experience in extending social protection to all. With your help, countries can ensure that social protection systems cover everyone's needs.

You can support us to:

- Establish a working group involving technical and political stakeholders in the country.

US\$ 25,000 (2 months)

- Conduct a qualitative assessment of the national social protection system and jointly formulate policy options through national dialogue.

US\$ 100,000 (6 months)

- Collect statistical data and estimate the cost of the policy options.

US\$ 100,000 (4 months)

- Finalize and launch the ABND report.

US\$ 200,000 (6 months)

- Build capacities of national stakeholders through training workshops and study visits.

US\$ 100,000

- Share the ABND experience through an online workspace, country briefs and videos.

US\$ 50,000

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