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► Epidemics and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response: How to maximize the health impact of social protection systems?

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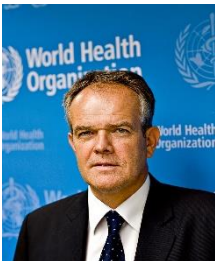
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Session 1 – Connections between social protection, employment, and the social determinants of health: Implications for epidemic and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response



Meri Koivusalo is professor of global health in Tampere University and co-director of the WHO collaboration centre on Health in All Policies and Social Determinants of Health. She has a background in research and analysis of global health and social policy, comparative research on health systems and health policy implications of decisions in other sectors. She has held expert and advisory positions for the WHO, European Commission, international nongovernmental organisations, and in Finland for Ministry of Social affairs and Health and Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



Etienne Krug is the Director of the Department for Social Determinants of Health at the WHO HQ. He leads global efforts to prevent violence and injuries. He oversees intergovernmental resolutions, the implementation of multi-country development projects, and advocacy campaigns. He chairs the International Organizing Committee for World Conferences on Injury Prevention, the UN Road Safety Collaboration and co-chairs the Executive Committee of the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children. Prior to the WHO, Dr Krug worked at the U.S. CDC, with Médecins sans Frontières and UNHCR. He holds a medical degree from the University of Louvain and a Master's in Public Health from Harvard University.



Shahra Razavi is the Director of the Social Protection Department at the ILO HQ. She is a development economist, with more than 25 years of experience working on social policy, social protection, gender and development. Before joining the ILO in 2020, she was Chief of the Research and Data Section at UN Women, and Senior Researcher at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. She obtained a BSc from LSE, and MSc/PhD from Oxford University, with extensive publications on social policy, social protection, gender, labour markets and the care economy in a development context.



Erika Placella holds a Master's degree in History of Medicine from the University of Geneva. She specialized in Public Health with training from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and ICRC/WHO. With over 20 years of experience in public health and global health, she is currently the Head of the Global Program Health of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Prior to the SDC, she worked for organisations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East on zoonoses, sexual, reproductive and child health, food security/safety and NCDs, including mental health. Her focus encompasses primary healthcare and NCDs prevention and control in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe/Central Asia. She leads SDC's health and global initiatives while providing health policy guidance and strengthening SDC/Switzerland position in global health.



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Sessions 2 – Social protection in epidemic and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response: lessons learned



Ramona Ludolph is a Technical Officer for Evidence-informed Policies in the Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention Department at the WHO HQ. She is leading the research pillar of the WHO Initiative to measure the effectiveness and socio-economic consequences of public health and social measures during health emergencies. Previously, Ramona worked in the WHO Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, developing guidelines and implementation tools related to urban health, healthy housing, clean energy use and social

protection. At the WHO Regional Office for Europe, she supported a regional network for evidence-informed policy-making.



Ernesto Jaramillo is a Colombian medical doctor with a PhD in Health Education from University of London. In his career he has covered clinical, programmatic and research issues in tuberculosis. Between 2002 and 2018 he was the tuberculosis drug-resistance policy lead at the WHO, an area in which he has published extensively, supporting the uptake of innovative policies in middle- and low-income countries. Since 2021, he is the lead for ethics/equity/human rights, social protection and disability at the WHO's Global tuberculosis programme department.



Lazarus Muchabaiwa is the Health Systems & Pandemics Financing Adviser with the UNAIDS Global Centre. Prior to the UNAIDS, he was a Senior Lecturer of health economics at Bindura University in Zimbabwe, where he led the development and piloting of one of Zimbabwe's first Community Based Health Insurance schemes. He also evaluated social protection schemes in Mozambique as well as undertaking HIV/AIDS NSP development and reviews; economic evaluations of programs in HIV/AIDS, GBV, nutrition, and WASH in several African countries. He holds a PhD Economics from the University of

KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.



Salla Atkins is professor of Public Health (especially Global Health) at Tampere University, Finland, and also affiliated to Karolinska Institutet. She is an active member and advisory group member for the Health and Social Protection Action Research & Knowledge Sharing network. She has over 20 years' experience of research in low-, middle- and high-income contexts, on questions of social determinants of health and health equity, most recently with a focus on social protection as a key intervention. Her current collaborations include work with researchers in Mozambique, South Africa,

Tanzania, Kenya, and India. She has over 100 publications in various forums.



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Daxa Patel is the President of National Coalition of People living with HIV in India. Having worked in the field of HIV for over 20 years, she has been able to collectivise People Living With HIV (PLHIV), work with government, non-government, bilateral and funding agencies, and facilitate policy and legal change to protect rights and meet PLHIV needs. Ms Patel has had the opportunity to work at the international, national, and community level, which has helped her understand the epidemic from a range of perspectives.

Being HIV positive woman Ms Patel strongly believes to empower community members; to address Social & Economic, treatment literate and stigma. To address this, she has worked on social protection entitlement advocacy with department, webinar on treatment literacy, skill building and job fairs, etc.



Joe Ajaero is the President of Nigeria Labour Congress and General Secretary at the National Union of Electricity Employees, as well as a member of the Presidential Committee on Tariff Adjustment and Titular representing Africa in the Global Union Federation Public Service International. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the Prestigious University of Nigeria, a Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism from Times Journalism Institute, and a Masters Degree in Industrial and Labour Relations from the University of Lagos. Mr Ajaero is a renowned Unionist and has held various positions

including Secretary/Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Vanguard Chapter, Member Central Working Committee and National Executive Council of the NUJ (1997-1999) and National Ex-Officio (1997-1999).



Pierre Vincensini is a Senior Adviser at the International Organisation of Employers (IOE), mainly responsible for employers' activities related to the ILO (ILO Governing Body and International Labour Conference). His areas of responsibility include social and labour issues related to the environment and sustainability, including SDGs, development cooperation, social protection floors as well as occupational safety and health. Pierre is also leading the GOSH network. Prior to the IOE, Pierre worked for the Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF), advising and assisting French companies on

European and international labour law. He was also in charge of MEDEF's engagement with civil society. He then took a position at Business France, responsible for special events such as the mobilisation of French companies for the Japanese recovery program post-Fukushima, which included safety and green solutions providers. Pierre is graduated in political sciences (Sciences Po) and holds two Master's degrees in Economics and Social Affairs.



Kroum Markov has been working in the field of social protection with the ILO for more than 20 years. In his current position as Social Protection Policy and Legal Specialist in the ILO's Social Protection Department, his work involves assisting ILO's constituents in developing their national social protection strategies and policies and developing their social protection legal frameworks for building universal and rights-based social protection systems.



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Sessions 3 – Design and implementation features of social protection systems that maximize their health impact and contribute to epidemic and pandemic



Peter Ombasa is a strategic thinker with over 28 years' experience in Social Protection, Social Science Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Teaching and facilitation. He has a vision of injecting robust and critical thinking into Social Protection programming and interventions in order to transform Africa's documented best Social Protection practices over time and initiate homegrown strategic solutions through research and data-driven solutions. He believes this will result in positive outcomes in Africa that touch not only socioeconomic development but also the decency and well-being of the

vulnerable communities in society with the aim of giving them a better life.



Michael J. Smith serves as an HIV Adviser & UNAIDS Partnership Officer in the Nutrition Division at the WFP HQ. Before joining the UN, Michael completed his Master of Public Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, with a focus in epidemiology. He has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Biology and has extensive experience in scientific and developmental research and human health, working in regenerative biology, as well as in cell and developmental biology for nearly a decade, co-authoring several peer-reviewed journals in the process. Since 2019, Michael leads

WFP's strategic partnership with and co-sponsorship of UNAIDS. Michael helps to oversee a global HIV and TB portfolio of WFP that spans six regional offices in nearly 50 countries.



Bernardo Martorell is a Coordinator of the National Health Reform Team within the cabinet of the Minister of Health. He holds a medical degree from the Universidad of Chile and an MPH degree from Harvard University. During his career he has held relevant positions in the public health sector, such as director of a Community Primary Care Hospital and director of a Primary Health Care network. He has also served as Regional Secretariat of Health in the Los Lagos Region of Chile. In the Ministry of Health of Chile, he has been director of the division of health planning and Primary Health Care.



Dramane Batchabi has been a Social Protection Specialist with the Decent Work Technical Support Team for the ILO West Africa since 2020. He held the same position from October 2015 to August 2020 for Central Africa. His expertise in Social Protection has enabled him to support the design, implementation, management and monitoring of social protection systems, particularly in health, in West African countries. Before joining the ILO, Mr. Batchabi was the Director of Benefits at the Institut National d'Assurance Maladie (INAM) in Togo, where he helped set up the system.



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Rania Eghnatio is the Social Protection Officer at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States. Her role encompasses policy, research, and programming for social protection reform in Lebanon, emphasizing a lifecycle approach, with specific attention to disability and old age. Rania holds dual Master's degrees in Actuarial Science and Development Management. She initiated her career in actuarial consulting, contributing to social security assessments in Lebanon and the MEA region. Subsequently, she transitioned to program development and management, with a focus on social protection, governance, gender, and decent work. Rania's professional background includes service with international organizations, including Oxfam, UN, and local NGOs.



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Sessions 4 – PPR financing, a catalyst for integrated social protection and health systems building?



Christine Brown is the Head of the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development. She leads a multidisciplinary team supporting European health networks, national authorities and partners to implement social, economic, gender and rights- based policies for health and health equity, as well as manages the WHO European Regional Health Equity Status Initiative. She is leading the WHO/Europe Universal Wellbeing Economy Initiative which is convening health, finance and economic sectors around investing for health and generating practical know how and alliances across

sectors to ensure a culture of health for all in recovery and development plans. Chris is one of the RWJ Foundation Global Leaders in Health Equity and a visiting Professor at Glasgow Caledonian University. Previously, Chris has worked for more than 10 years for the Danish Development Agency on health and sustainable livelihoods. Prior to this, she worked as a public health expert in UNK, in service commissioning and provider roles for regional and national health authorities.



Nina Siegert is the Health Financing Component Lead with GIZ Global Programme BACKUP Health – Health System Strengthening in Bonn, Germany. She is a senior policy advisor specialized in social health protection systems with focus on health financing and policy. She has 20 years of experience working in international cooperation in the context of low- and middle-income countries, predominantly in Africa and Asia and 14 years in connection with the P4H Network.

Benoit Mathivet is currently the Manager for Strategic Partnerships and Blended Finance as part of the Health Finance Department of the Global Fund where he promotes the use of innovative health financing instruments to leverage more resources for health system strengthening and the fight against the AIDS, TB and Malaria. He was previously a Senior Health Economist at the World Bank and a Health System Advisor at WHO, during which he constantly supported the development of national analytical capacity to sustain health policy dialogue with home-grown evidence. He was notably the adviser to the Health Policy Analysis Unit of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan from 2009 to 2012.



Ruth Schumacher is a medical doctor (Cologne University) with a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Public Health (Univ. of Liverpool). She has been working for more than 25 years in Public Health and international cooperation, including in projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Her focus areas are strengthening health systems, health financing and governance, capacity development strategies, pandemic prevention and one health approaches. She was working for more than 10 years as staff in Universities (Heidelberg and Istanbul), and undertook consultancies for KfW, WHO, UNICEF and others before joining GIZ in 2001. She was the Head of the Universal Health Coverage Program in GIZ, including the P4H component.



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Peter Cowley is the Senior Health Finance and Service Delivery Expert at WHO Headquarters. Previously, he was Coordinator for Health Policy and Service Design Unit at the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office in Manila. He has also worked for the PAHO (Barbados) where he was a Senior Health Systems Advisor for the Eastern Caribbean specializing on cost-effectiveness, public finance, and insurance-based issues. Whilst based in Uganda, Cambodia, and Georgia, he led numerous USAID-funded projects focusing on the private sector, community-based health insurance, e-health, and HIV/AIDS. He has also authored numerous publications on health finance topics.



Christina Behrendt is the Head of the Social Policy Unit in the ILO's Social Protection Department in Geneva. Her earlier work experience includes assignments as Regional Social Security Specialist at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut, as consultant for the International Social Security Association, and as lecturer and research fellow at the University of Konstanz. Having studied in Konstanz (Germany) and Edinburgh (United Kingdom), she holds a Master's degree in Politics and Public Administration and a PhD in Social Policy from the University of Konstanz. She has worked and published on various aspects of social protection in both developed and developing country contexts.



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Sessions 5 – Adopting a rights-based approach: why are legal frameworks key to coordinated prevention, preparedness and response across health and social protection systems?



Stéphanie Dagon is professor of law at the University of Geneva since 2016. She has a double appointment at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine and she is attached to both the Global Studies Institute and the Institute of Global Health. Since 2022, she serves as the Director of the Master of Science in Global Health. Beginning in 2013, Stéphanie practices international law as a consultant for WHO, specializing in tuberculosis, human rights, research ethics and infectious diseases. She is also a member of the WHO Research Ethics Committee since 2019 and of the Swiss National Advisory Commission on Biomedical Ethics since 2023.



David Clarke is a lawyer from Wellington, New Zealand. He specialises in health law, health system governance and health policy. Formerly worked with the the NZ Ministry of Health from 1989 until 2001, he provided legal advice to Ministers of Health and to Ministry staff, worked on legal issues connected with New Zealand's health reforms in the 1990s, and on diverse health laws. He co-founded Allen and Clarke in 2001, a consulting company dedicated to international health development work. David has worked for governments, NGOs, agencies (Commonwealth Secretariat, USAID, World Bank, WHO, etc.). Currently, David is the acting head of the Health Systems Governance Unit and global technical lead on health systems governance at the WHO HQ.



Maya Stern-Plaza holds the position of Social Protection Standards and Legal Officer in the Social Protection Department of the ILO HQ. As part of her work, Maya provides technical support to countries seeking to ratify ILO social security conventions and to align their national law and policies with international standards. She holds a Bachelor and Master of Laws from the University of Montreal and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from McGill University.



Gianandrea Nelli Feroci is a Research and Learning Manager at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). Prior to the IDLO, he worked at the European Institute of Peace for the Latin America Programme and The Carter Center for the Democracy Program, managing policy-oriented initiatives in Latin America, Africa and Asia. He also worked for Oxfam Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, supporting country offices and the BRICSAMIT unit with research management. Furthermore, he led political economy analyses of Bangladesh for UNDP and the EU, and supported the UNDP with peacebuilding and democratic governance programming. He holds a Master's degree in Modern and Contemporary History from University La Sapienza/University Complutense, and a Master's degree in Comparative Politics from LSE.



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Costanza de Tomas is the Programme Officer for social protection within the Social Protection, Governance and Tripartism team at the International Training Centre of the ILO. With over 25 years of experience in international development, she worked on rights-based policy and advocacy, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV/AIDS, nutrition and gender equality. As an independent consultant, she worked for UN agencies, national governments, international coalitions and NGOs. Costanza holds a degree in Social Anthropology from LSE and an M.Phil. in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Sussex.



Nicole Valentine has 30 years of work experience in public health. She works at the WHO on social determinants of equity in health, leading the multi-country Special Initiative for Action on the Social Determinants of Health (SDH) for Advancing Health Equity (2020-2028) and advising on SDH evidence and social protection. Her previous roles at WHO involved leading the Health Systems Responsiveness team, facilitating the establishment of the WHO Equity and Health program, and co-leading the WHO Commission on SDH country workstream. She holds Bachelor's and Master's in Economics from the University of Cape Town, an MPH from the University of Washington, and a PhD in Public Health from the Erasmus Medical Centre.



Lou Tessier is Health Protection Specialist at the Social Protection Department of the ILO HQ. With a background in law, economics, finance and public health. Lou started her carrier supporting the development of community-based health insurance in Mali, Senegal and Benin. Lou joined the ILO HQ to support the adoption of Recommendation No. 202 on Social Protection Floors in 2011. She then posted in Myanmar, overseeing social protection and occupational health portfolio of the ILO Liaison Office in Yangon. In 2016, she was tasked to lead a global research project on occupational health in global supply chains. She subsequently took on an assignment with the Migrant Unit before taking her current position in 2019.



Mathilde Mailfert is Health Financing and Social Health Protection Technical Officer at the P4H Coordination Desk in the ILO. She has experience working across Africa, Asia and the Pacific supporting the design, operations, and financing of social health protection schemes towards Universal Health Coverage. She previously worked at Save the Children, the Asian Development Bank and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She consulted for various organisations including the ILO, the WHO, and the Swiss Red Cross. Mathilde holds a MA in Political Science from Sciences Po Lille and a MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from LSE and LSHTM.