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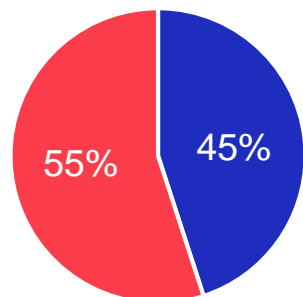
Social protection systems for all to prevent homelessness and facilitate access to adequate housing

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Already before the COVID-19 pandemic, many people were left behind with regards to the rights to social security and an adequate standard of living, including adequate housing

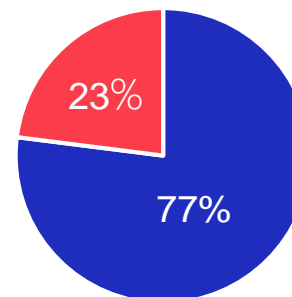
Social security is a human right, but...



SDG indicator 1.3.1



Adequate housing is a human right, but...



SDG indicator 11.1.1

55% of the world population is not covered by at least one social protection benefit (SDG indicator 1.3.1)

4 billion people are still unprotected

23% of the world's urban population lives in slums (SDG indicator 11.1.1)

Lack of access to adequate housing:

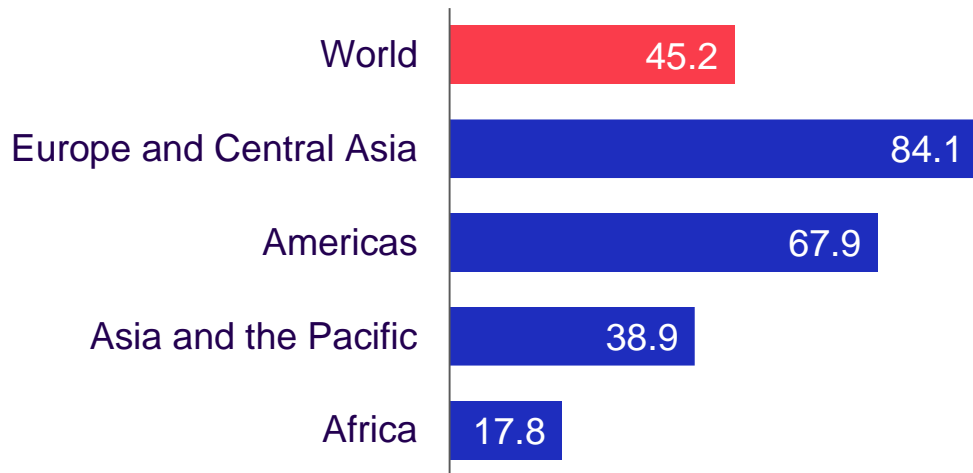
- ▶ Material and social aspects
- ▶ Systemic discrimination and social exclusion
- ▶ Rights-holders agency and participation

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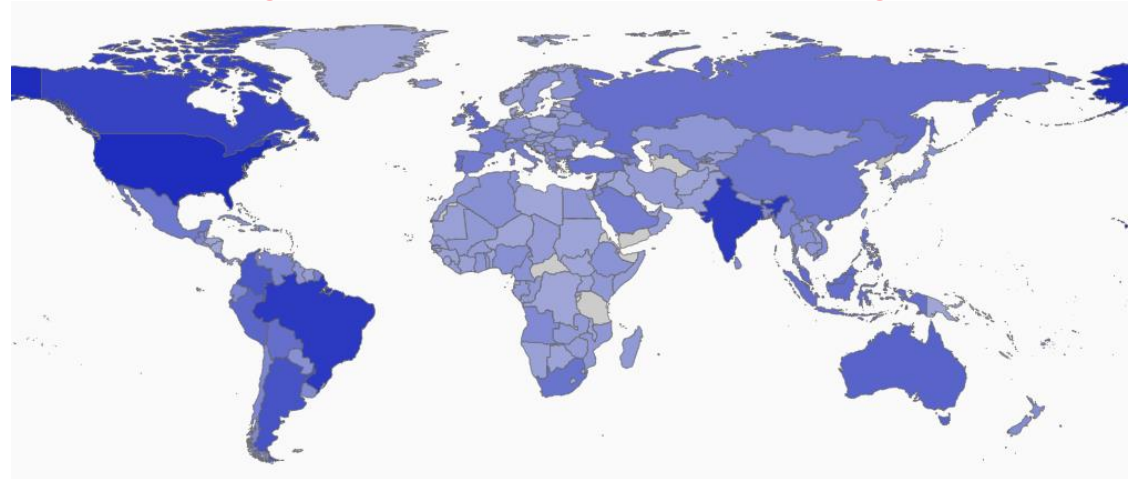
The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of social protection and housing policies, but also exposed serious gaps in social protection systems

Situation prior to COVID-19: only 45% of global population covered - 4 billion people excluded from coverage (SDG indicator 1.3.1)



Source: [ILO World Social Protection Report, 2017-19](#)

COVID-19 social protection policy response: countries mobilized their social protection systems and, where necessary, introduced urgent measures to extend coverage and improve benefits



Source: [ILO Social Protection Monitor \(22 September 2020\)](#)

Recorded response measures: 208 countries – 1461 measures
of which: housing and basic services: 86 countries – 131 measures

Recovering from COVID-19: Social protection at a crossroads Towards a new “better normal”?

Austerity context

- ▶ Limited coverage
- ▶ Minimal benefits
- ▶ Gaps in labour and social protection
- ▶ Limited solidarity, risk-sharing and redistribution, fiscal consolidation
- ▶ No decent work



Universal social protection systems, including floors

- ▶ Universal coverage
- ▶ Adequate protection
- ▶ Comprehensive protection
- ▶ Sustainable and equitable financing
- ▶ Adapted to the world of work

Recovery priority 1: Extending protection to those not yet covered

Comprehensive and integrated approach:

- ▶ Strengthening social protection policies, in line with key principles:
 - ▶ Universality of protection, including for workers in all types of employment
 - ▶ Adequacy
 - ▶ Gender equality and inclusiveness
 - ▶ Portability and transferability
 - ▶ Transparency
 - ▶ Good governance and trust
- ▶ Extending coverage to those in the informal economy, and facilitating transitions from the informal to the formal economy
- ▶ Facilitating life and work transitions, as well as structural change
- ▶ Coordinating employment and social protection policies for decent work

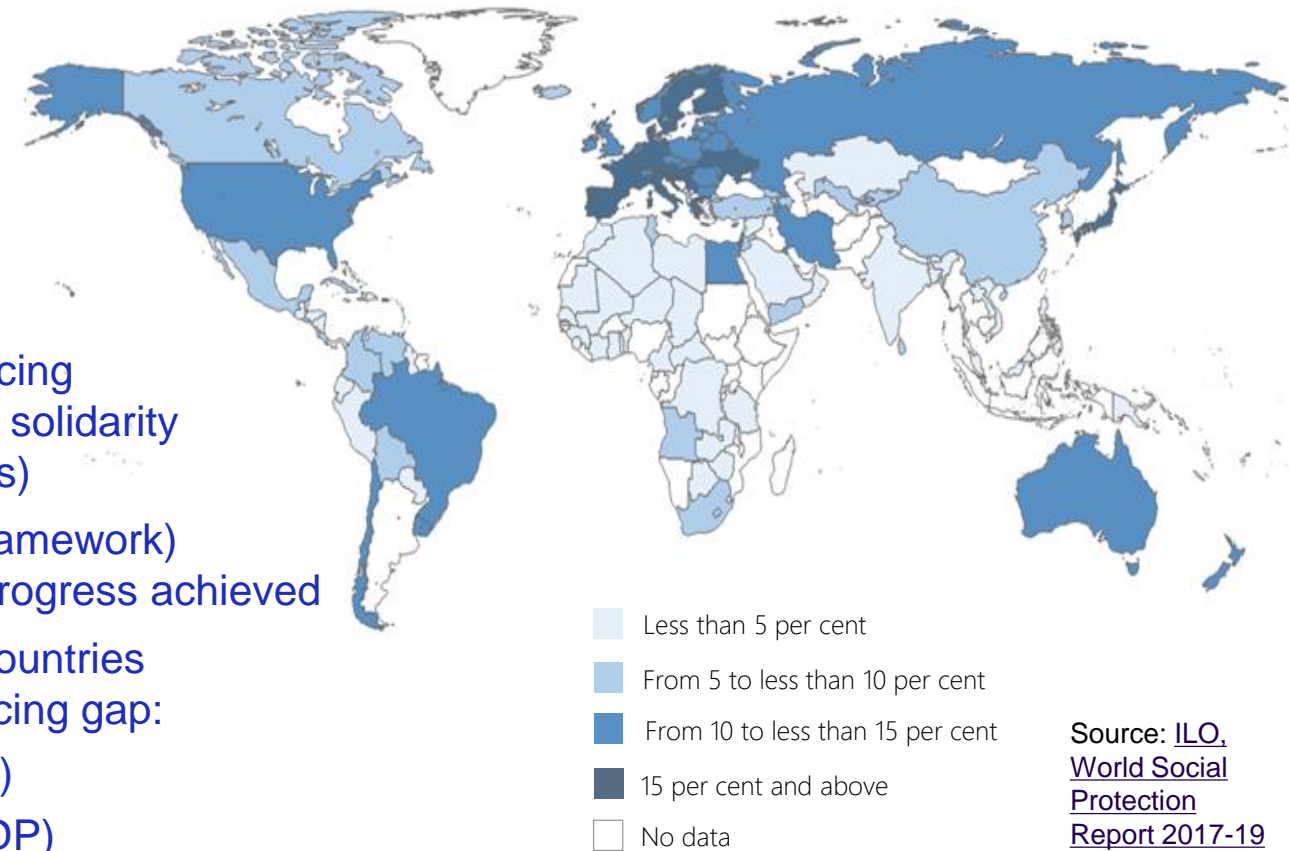
Building universal social protection systems
is not just about coverage...
internationally agreed framework



Recovery priority 2: Investing more and better in universal social protection systems

- ▶ Ensuring sustainable and equitable financing of social protection systems
- ▶ Strengthening sustainable and equitable domestic financing mechanisms based on the principles of risk sharing and solidarity (including through taxes and social security contributions)
- ▶ Safeguarding fiscal space for social expenditure (IMF framework)
-- austerity could have significant negative impacts on progress achieved
- ▶ International support needed to close financing gap in countries with insufficient own capacities – ILO estimates of financing gap:
 - ▶ developing countries: US\$1.2 trillion (3.8% of GDP)
 - ▶ low-income countries US\$77.9 billion (15.9% of GDP)
- ▶ Global support for universal social protection more necessary than ever (USP2030)

Public social protection expenditure, excluding health, latest available year
(percentage of GDP)



Source: [ILO, World Social Protection Report 2017-19](#)

Recovery priority 3: Strengthening social protection systems, with the bigger picture in mind

Key priorities:

- ▶ Reinforcing social protection systems, including floors, in line with human rights and international social security standards (also SDG 1.3), also with a view to adapting them to the evolving world of work.
- ▶ Enhancing national social protection policies and strategies to make them fit for purpose, including through social dialogue
- ▶ Building nationally-defined social protection floors to guarantee at least a basic level of social security for all (ILO Recommendation No. 202)
- ▶ Enhancing the protection of workers to especially during life and work transitions (unemployment protection, sickness benefits, maternity protection, health protection, care, housing)
- ▶ Strengthening coordination between employment and social protection policies, as well as with fiscal, infrastructure and housing policies



We have only 10 years to make
social protection and adequate housing
a reality for all



Social protection and access to adequate housing:

- ▶ Social protection systems for all to prevent homelessness and facilitate access to adequate housing

COVID-19 crisis response:

- ▶ ILO portal on social protection response to COVID-19, including
 - ▶ Spotlight briefs: Extending social protection to informal workers in the COVID-19 crisis; Social protection responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in developing countries; Unemployment protection in the COVID-19 crisis; Sickness benefits during sick leave and quarantine; Financing gaps in social protection.
 - ▶ Data dashboard: Social Protection Monitor: Social protection responses to the COVID-19 crisis around the world
 - ▶ Costing tool: Rapid Social Protection Calculator for COVID-19
- ▶ ILO portal on COVID-19 and the world of work

Other key resources:

- ▶ World Social Protection Report 2017-19 (ILO, 2017)
- ▶ Policy resource package on extending social security to workers in the informal economy
- ▶ ILO Social Protection Platform
- ▶ Joint UN Social Protection and Human Rights web platform
- ▶ Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection (USP2030)

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