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SOCIAL PROTECTION

# REGIONAL TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE-SHARING WEBINAR ON SOCIAL PROTECTION DATA

GOOD PRACTICES ON MAINSTREAMING SOCIAL PROTECTION DATA  
IN THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

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09:00 - 11:00 ABIDJAN / 11:00 - 13:00 CAIRO AND MAPUTO / 12:00 - 14:00 NAIROBI



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## BACKGROUND

Extending social protection coverage to all is a fundamental part of the UN's 2030 Agenda as articulated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under target 1.3: "implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable".

Africa has shown very strong political will at the highest level to put in place policies aimed at building sustainable development and combating poverty by promoting social protection policies and ensuring effective access to social security to all the population. The political commitment is reflected in a number of High Level Declarations and Actions Plans at the Continental level including in the Yaoundé Tripartite Declaration on the implementation of the Social Protection Floor (2011), the AUC's Ouagadougou + 10 Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development (2015), the Addis Ababa Declaration on Transforming Africa through Decent Work for Sustainable Development. The Agenda 2063: The Africa we want outlines the African Union (AU) strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of Africa in the next 50 years and the Abidjan Declaration for the Centenary made by Constituents during the 14th African Regional Meeting in December 2019, calls for progressively extending sustainable social protection coverage to those not covered including migrant workers and refugees, women and youth in the informal and rural economies.

Despite the relative importance given to social protection, at both regional and national levels, social protection coverage remains limited in the Continent especially in West Africa. Most recent ILO estimates show that Africa has the lowest social protection coverage in the world - 17% of the total population. This is compared with the global average of 47% (ILO, WSPR 2020/22). There are significant disparities across the continent: Southern and Northern Africa have relatively high coverage rates with 46% and 34% respectively, while it is 11% in central Africa, 11% in Eastern Africa and 13% in West Africa. Africa faces a considerable challenge with regards to the availability of social protection data. This has an effect on the ability to inform and shape efficient social protection policy responses that are based on the empirical evidence regarding social protection coverage.

Considering the political, social and economic imperative for accelerating the extension of social protection in Africa and as required by the 2019 Abidjan Declaration, ILO regional Office for Africa had developed a strategy, structured into three action areas:

- **Action Area 1:** Enhance coverage and adequacy through strong social protection strategies, legal framework and programmes. This includes capacity building and support in strengthening national social protection data availability
- **Action Area 2:** Close financing gaps by ensuring adequate and sustainable financing for the extension of social security coverage
- **Action Area 3:** Develop strategic partnerships

Timely, reliable, accurate and comparable data are crucial for the formulation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of social protection policies and programmes at the national and global levels. Accordingly, social protection statistics as well as other information and monitoring indicators, in particular SDG Indicator 1.3.1 on social protection floors were identified as a critical area for national capacity development.

ILO is the guardian of SDG 1.3 and in charge of monitoring its progress at the global level. The Social Security Inquiry (SSI) is the main UN tool for collecting data on social protection, including on expenditure, revenue and coverage trends of national social protection systems. The SSI tool consists of excel spreadsheet questionnaires that are filled in collaboration with all UN member states. The objectives of Social Security Inquiry (SSI) are to:

- Support in creating an understanding and assessing the current situation of largely excluded populations, in particular refugees, IDPs, persons with disabilities and migrant workers;
- Support to inform policy makers about relevant programmes that would support in filling in gaps, extension of coverage, increased benefits, reduced limitation;
- Improve knowledge on the SDG 1.3.1 monitoring and reporting systems;
- Support monitoring the effects of Social protection e.g., inequality, poverty reduction, income maintenance;
- Validate Social Protection data collected by the assigned team and fill in the gaps with additional data.

The SSI questionnaire has been tailored to allow monitoring of Target 1.3. Thorough and consistent completion of this questionnaire is critical to fulfilling ILO's monitoring responsibility (<https://www.social-protection.org/gimi/WSPDB.action?id=41>).

Some best practices have taken place in the ownership of the SSI in their national reporting on social protection. This is the case of Mozambique and Cabo Verde, where, with the technical and training support of the ILO and ITC/ILO ACTION/Portugal project, a Social Protection Statistics bulletin has been developed, informing decision makers on trends in coverage with clear indicators <sup>1</sup>.

## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this webinar is to share good practices in Africa in integrating social protection data into national statistical systems from Mozambique and Cabo Verde. Technical experts from both countries will share their national experience to develop a national tool that:

- harmonizes national data and underpins informed social protection decision-making, based on concrete and comprehensive;

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<sup>1</sup> For more info: <https://www.social-protection.org/gimi/gess/RessourcePDF.action;jsessionid=DADNveWfjJDNUGJ3oi08g33-JJumoUxQp1L5zxsAFoityfe6yC-c!1750948109?id=57261>

- supports to measure the progress made towards the SDG target 1.3 concerns nationally defined social protection floors.

The secondary objectives of the webinar is to:

- regional discussion on the need and importance of mainstreaming social protection data into national statistical systems;
- share ILO tools on social protection data.

## FORMAT AND CONTENT

The webinar will be held exclusively online and structured into three sessions:

- **Session 1: ILO Social Protection Data Tools:** Presentation of new statistical and monitoring tools (dashboards, SSI online) and some general info regarding the objectives of the new Guide on national social protection statistics systems
- **Session 2: Sharing of Good Practices from Mozambique and Cabo Verde:** two experts from Mozambique and Cabo Verde from Interinstitutional Working Group for Social Protection Statistics will share their experience, challenges and solutions for mainstreaming social protection data in national statistical systems
- **Session 3: Plenary Discussion**

The webinar will be organized by the ILO and sponsored by multiple projects namely under the UNSDF Egypt, Mauritania and Somalia and ACTION/Portugal.

## LANGUAGES

The event will be conducted in Arabic, English, French and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation will be available throughout the webinar.

## PARTICIPANTS

The webinar will be a technical meeting where experts at the national level from Ministries in charge Social Protection, Planning and Finance, as well as Social Protection Institutions, Social Partners and National Statistics Institutions will have an occasion to exchange on national experiences, challenges, gaps and good practices. There relevant Ministries will be invited to nominate relevant technical staff to attend the meeting.

# AGENDA

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## Session

### **Welcome and opening**

George Okutho, Director, ILO Country Office, CO-Lusaka

### **Presentation of new statistical and monitoring tools (dashboards, SSI online) and some general info regarding the objectives of the new Guide on national social protection statistics systems (on the making)**

ILO SOCPRO Department, *PFACTS Unit*

### **Sharing experiences: Good Practices from Mozambique and Cabo Verde**

Representatives from the Interinstitutional Working Groups for Social Protection Statistics

### **Q&A – Plenary discussion**

Conclusions and Closure

## INFO

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