Capacity Building and Partnerships Cooperation Section
Division for Inclusive Social Development
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Online Training Workshop on
Government Innovation for Social Inclusion of
Vulnerable Groups

Session 3: Ensuring Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups during Public Health Emergencies

Capacity Building for Inclusive Social Development

DESA/DISD Social Policy Action

DESA/DISD/CDPCS has the mandate to translate international agreements into national policies and plans of actions.
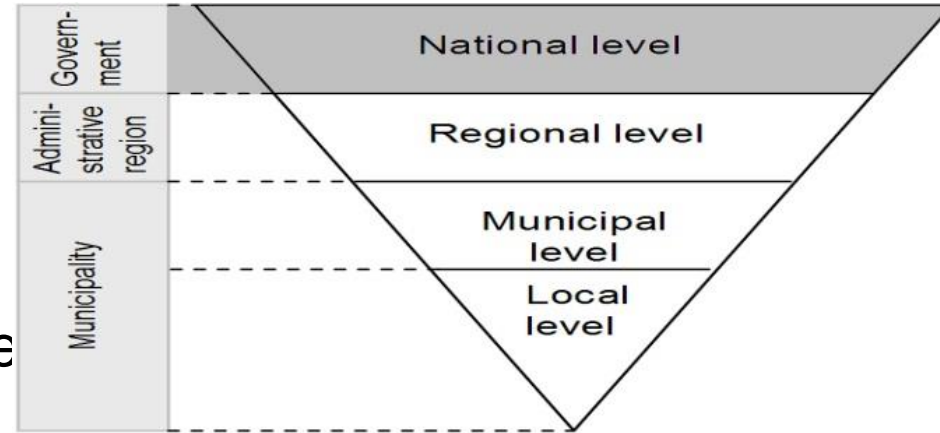
DESA/DISD Social Policy Action

From a social policy perspective, among the specific targets (and interlinkages) to be considered for technical support and capacity building activities are those targets related to:

- Poverty alleviation;
- Productive employment and decent work for all;
- Social services (education, health, clean water and sanitation);
- Social inclusion/integration;
- Equality and equity;
- Social protection and income maintenance.

Country level

- Mainstreaming social perspective

- Improve managerial capacity to effectively address the inter-linkages across the three dimensions of sustainable development, and strengthening partnerships among them will be vital to successful social development;

- Improve institutional capacity to consult and reflect the needs of social (vulnerable or marginalized) groups and communities;

- Strengthen participatory policy-making involving civil society and other stakeholders.

DESA/DSPD Policy Action

- Social Protection
- Disability
- Ageing
- Youth
- Indigenous Peoples
- Families
- Social Cooperatives

Social Protection

- DESA/DISD goal is to strengthen social protection and to contribute to extending coverage to more individuals in middle- and low-income countries.

- To achieve this goal, it is crucial to enhance governance and management of social protection systems.

DESA/ILO Project
Achieving SDGs and Ending Poverty Through Universal Social Protection

The objective of the Project is to improve social protection systems in Cambodia and Pakistan.
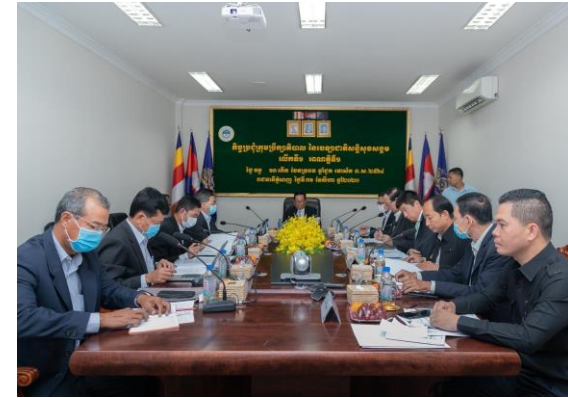
The Project at all levels contributes to the ongoing discussion on the COVID19 social protection response.

In addition, the Project conducts research to provide Governments with good practices regarding improving governance and management of social protection systems, including COVID19 response exemplified in China, Argentina, Kenya, Mauritius and Fiji.

DESA/ILO Project
Cambodia

- A universal social security system for Cambodia has been proposed and awaits approval by parliament and civil servants underwent training on governance and management of the social protection system.

- In the COVID19 pandemic the focus is on promoting with the social partners a bottom-up approach to monitoring within the National Social Security Fund (NSSF)

DESA/ILO Project
Pakistan

- The crisis provoked by the COVID19 pandemic have put a central emphasis on social protection and therefore provided a conducive environment for the project objectives.

- The project is implementing its strategy of supporting provincial governments to increase the visibility and coverage of their programmes while building a broader national advocacy base for universal social protection.

- https://youtu.be/ENkCGk3uoHA

DESA/ILO Project
The Global Component

- Research on policy orientations and good practices of Governance towards social protection systems is drafted and nearing completion following webinars and comments from the ILO and UNDESA. It includes policy discussion and four country cases (Argentina, Fiji, Kenya and Mauritius and , complementarily, a study of the social protection system in China.

- ILO development of three learning modules. Another focus of the global component has been on technical support, notably to Pakistan, to build strategically on the EHSAAS (Poverty Alleviation Programme) towards a universal social protection system, and, more operationally, on the design of a social insurance scheme.

- The results to be presented in International Conference in Beijing 2021

COVID19

Strengthening healthcare and social protection

One of the important lessons of the COVID-19 experience is that even low-income countries cannot leave the establishment of robust universal healthcare and social protection systems as distant goals.

Instead, they need to consider them as immediate goals and should build upon the emergency measures taken during the COVID-19 crisis to achieve them.

COVID19 and Social Protection

Social protection Policies response to COVID19 includes:

1. accelerating efforts to achieve universal, nationally appropriate social protection floors.

2. shock-proofing social protection systems and,

3. adapting social protection systems to the new digital economy.
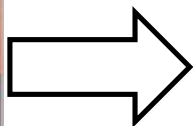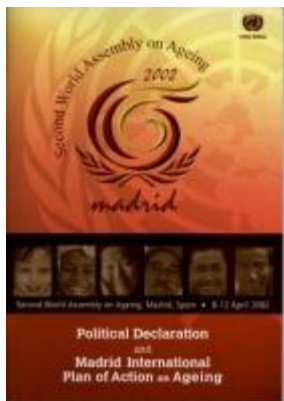
COVID19 and Older Persons

In natural, man-made, conflict related and pandemic emergencies older persons and persons with disabilities are especially vulnerable.

This doesn't depend on their financial status or country of residence.
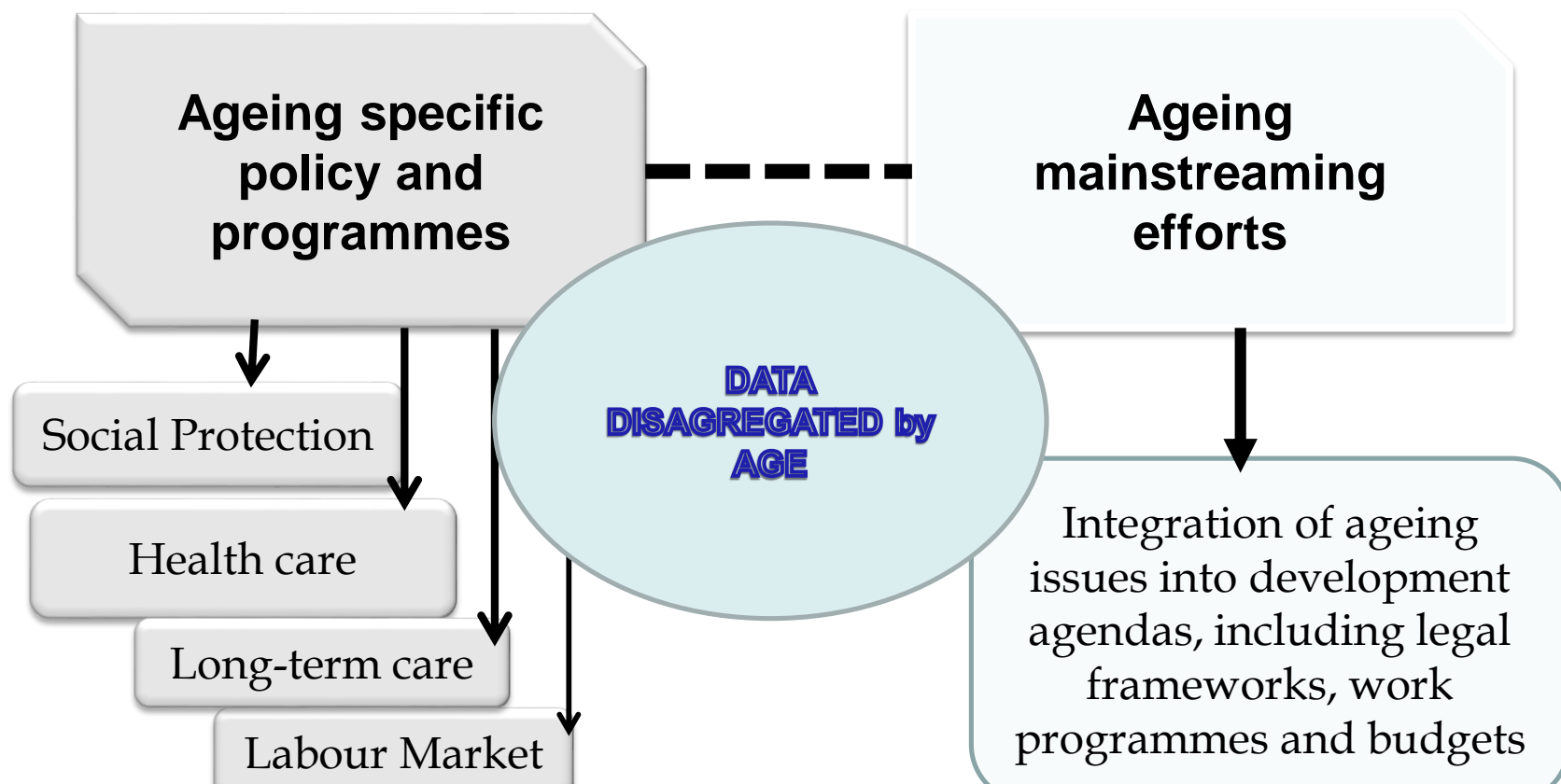
-Difficulty with social distancing.

-Difficulty with accessibility.

-Need to touch things for physical support, etc.
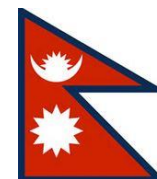
National Ageing Policies amended to COVID19

MIPAA
EVIDENCE_BASED POLICY ACTION ON AGEING

Ageing specific policy and programmes

Ageing mainstreaming efforts

Social Protection

Health care

Long-term care

Labour Market

DATA DISAGREGATED by AGE

Integration of ageing issues into development agendas, including legal frameworks, work programmes and budgets

Surveys on Ageing

Data collected for evidence-based policies on Ageing and Older Persons

Youth

1) Suuport to the Governments to formulate Youth Policies (World Plan of Action on Youth)

2) UN SC Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security

A) Joint DESA/ILO Project "Strengthening the capacity of governments and youth employment stakeholders in Africa in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes promoting decent jobs for youth"

B) Joint DESA/UNDP Project "Promoting Sustainable Peace through National Youth Policies in the Framework of 2030 Agenda"

Youth is less vulnerable to COVID19 but hit by economic lockdowns during COVID19.
Focus on employment opportunities, sustaining peace and security.

DESA/ILO Project
"Strengthening the capacity of governments and youth employment stakeholders in Africa in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes promoting decent jobs for youth"

Project Objective: To support design and implementation of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan (NIYEAP)

COVID-19 outbreak have influenced both the modes of implementation of activities.

Activities have moved online to ensure the health and safety of all participants. These included consultations with employment stakeholders to map existing efforts that can contribute to decent job creation for youth, as well as the establishment of youth coalitions in each State of Nigeria to work with State authorities in support of both the finalization of NIYEAP.

The draft NIYEAP has been revised to account for the impact of COVID-19 had on the economy and importantly on the life of the Nigeria youth, their expectations and priorities.

Persons with Disabilities

The **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**

Project: Support to the ratification of UNCRPD in Tajikistan

Project: Support to the Implementation of UNCRPD in Kyrgyzstan

Awareness raising about COVID19 among PWDs (especially with intellectual disabilities and with vision and hearing impairments)

Support to the ratification of UNCRPD in Tajikistan

- A series of national workshops to advocate for the ratification of UNCRPD

- Every workshop is preceded by a session on COVID19 and persons with disabilities

Project: Support to the Implementation of UNCRPD in Kyrgyzstan

The project objective is to assist the Government of Kyrgyzstan to design and draft "Accessible Country Programme" that address the needs of older people and persons with disabilties.

The draft Programme initiated in February 2020.

In June – September the draft Programme has been enhanced with the additional considerations for persons with disabilities and older people who are at greater risk of contracting COVID19.

Social Cooperatives

Training Workshops on Social Cooperatives 2014-20

Cooperatives impacted by the COVID19 economic crises

SACCOs and VSALs provide support to vulnerable groups

During the pandemic the focus is on Health Cooperatives who bring together health professionals and users to reconcile misalignments between healthcare supply and demand. They engage all stakeholders involved in healthcare, to jointly manage costs and risks and to achieve the utmost quality in care provision.

Project: Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Uganda

Project Objective: Drafting National Affirmative Action Plan on Indigenous Peoples

Traditional epidemiological concerns HIV/AIDS, malaria, cholera, etc.

Project added awareness-raising about COVID19 among local indigenous peoples in Uganda

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