Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific

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Less than half of the region’s population is covered by at least one social protection scheme

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Social protection coverage remains low across different schemes

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Percentage of children and households receiving child and family benefits, by country, latest year available

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Percentage of women giving birth and receiving maternity cash benefits, by country, latest available year

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Percentage of persons with severe disabilities receiving disability cash benefits, by country, latest year available

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Investments are low in social protection across Asia-Pacific

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Percentage of the labour force actively contributing to a social protection scheme, by country, latest year

Source: International Labour Organization, World Social Protection Database.
Investments in social protection can impact poverty reduction and are within reach

Impact of Universal Social Protection Package on Poverty Reduction in Kiribati

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Cost of Universal Social Protection Package (as % of GDP) from 2021 to 2030 in Kiribati

- Universal social protection package includes universal child and disability benefits at the global average benefit level, and old age benefits equivalent to the existing elderly funds

Source: ESCAP Social Protection Simulator using 2019 Kiribati HIES
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- Shared Vision
- Regional Platform
- Capacity Development
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- Right to social protection for all
- Adequate standard of living
- Response to shocks and needs of vulnerable populations
- Effective implementation mechanisms
- Sufficient allocation of public funds
- Engagement of relevant stakeholders

- Setting national coverage targets
- Prioritisation of social protection in national development
- Strengthened data management
- Promoting regional partnerships
- Aligning development priorities with social protection
- Voluntary progress reports
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- Social Protection Online Toolbox
- Social Protection Simulator
- Online Social Protection Training
- Knowledge Sharing
- Intergovernmental Convenorship
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