Overview of social protection systems in the Asia-Pacific region

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What is social protection?
4 billion people unprotected
61% of people in Asia and Pacific unprotected
42% of People lack Health Coverage
66% of mothers with newborns do not have maternity protection.
45% of older persons do not receive a pension
ZOOM IN OLD AGE

WHEN ALL THE INEQUALITIES “CUMULATE”
Women live longer

Over-60s
• 76 men for every 100 women
• HICs are 88 in LMICs

Over-80s,
• 49 men to 100 women in HICs
• 67 in LMICs
Women spend more years with disabilities and in ill health

Years spent with impairments, 2016

- Singapore
- Cambodia
- Philippines
- China
- Myanmar
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Republic of Korea
- Japan
- Brunei Darussalam
- Viet Nam

Female vs Male
• Older women are more likely to live in poverty

• Women are more likely to suffer the consequences of declining traditional informal support systems for older people

• Women are more likely to live alone than men
Women are less likely than men to receive a pension in old age.

Percentage of women contributing to a pension system:

- Viet Nam: 17% (men), 18% (women)
- Malaysia: 24% (men), 32% (women)
- Solomon Islands: 26% (men), 67% (women)
- Nepal: 1% (men), 4% (women)
- Bhutan: 6% (men), 12% (women)
The Sandwich Generation
• WHO DESIGNS SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS?
TIME FOR ACTION

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