



The purpose and scope of the ESCAP Project

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Presentation

- ❑ Purpose of the project and its contribution to social protection policies
- ❑ Why focus on income support schemes?
- ❑ Scope of the project
- ❑ Tentative roadmap of the project

Purpose of the Project & its contribution to Social Protection Policies

- ❑ Key beneficiaries are policymakers who:
 - understand the needs to address poverty and vulnerability in their countries; and
 - need information on policy options applicable to tackle needs through social protection
- ❑ Purpose: help policymakers find most appropriate options to address needs
 - Through providing knowledge on policy alternatives and policy tools on ISS and social protection

Purpose of the project

- ❑ **To provide policymakers with in-depth information on ISS:**
 - On the context where the income support schemes are implemented;
 - On parameters and institutions determining characteristics and diversities; and
 - On outcomes, including impacts on the livelihood of the poor and poverty reduction
- ❑ **To equip policymakers with knowledge of ISS to tackle poverty and vulnerability in their own countries.**



Support member states to strengthen their social protection programmes

Why Income Support Schemes

- ❑ ISS as a common policy response to poverty & vulnerability
- ❑ Often utilized as a targeted policy response to poverty and crisis, but very limited information and examples available to analyze impact
- ❑ ISS are often adapted to specific contexts
 - Need to be carefully designed with contextual information

Scope of the project

- ❑ There are a number of Income Support Schemes being implemented in Asia and Pacific
 - Discuss on how broadly or narrowly ISS are to be defined
- ❑ To identify a list of ISS first, in collaboration with sub-regional experts
- ❑ Once determined, key features of the schemes be analyzed and discussed
- ❑ Focus is more on depth than breadth, if necessary, taken into the purpose of the project

Tentative Roadmap of the Project

- ❑ Regional Consultation on Analysis of ISS (June 2011)
- ❑ Conducting the research (Jul 2011 – Sep 2012)
 - Collecting data and in-depth information, analysis, drafting the reports
- ❑ Regional Consultation on the draft report on ISS (2012/2013)
- ❑ Launch the regional report and hold advocacy forum(s) (2013)

Thank you

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