

# Making the case for Social Protection

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# Outline: Why Social Protection?



- Social Protection: a matter of **rights**
- Social Protection & the **SDGs**
- Social Protection & **Poverty** and **Inequality** reduction
- Social Protection as a **Development** tool
- Is Social Protection **affordable**?

# A matter of rights



**Rights-based approach** to Social Protection: UDHR, ICESCR ....

- Progressive Realization
- Principles of non-discrimination, participation, transparency and accountability applied throughout.
- **Social Protection Floor**



# Leaving none behind

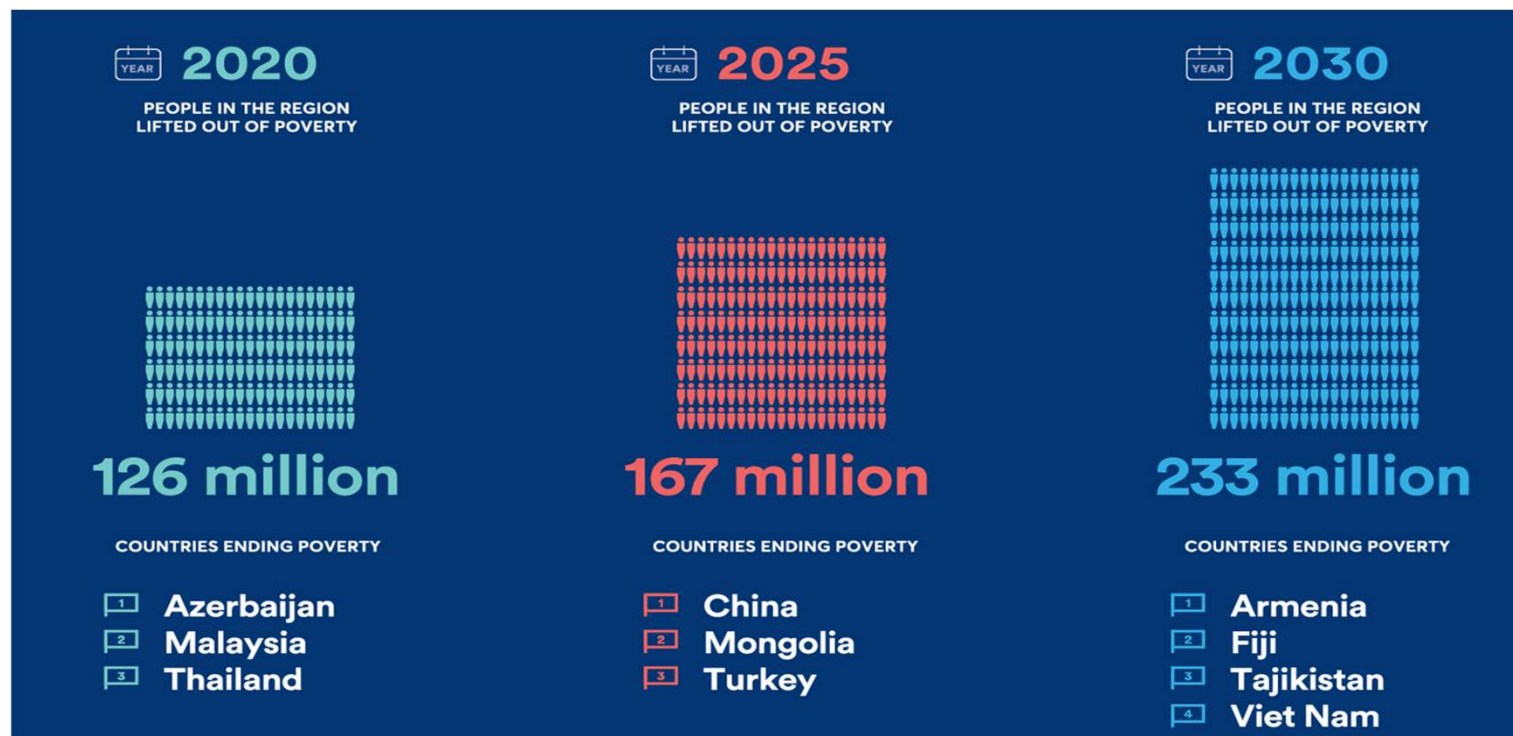
1. Ending Poverty
2. Ending Hunger
3. Ensuring Healthy Lives
4. Ensuring inclusive and quality education
5. Achieving gender equality and empowering women & girls
8. Promoting Economic Growth
10. Reducing Inequality
- 12-16. Protecting the environment and Promoting Peaceful societies.



# Eliminating Extreme Poverty

YEAR	SCENARIO	ADDITIONAL PEOPLE LIFTED OUT OF EXTREME POVERTY IN THE REGION	ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES LIFTED OUT OF EXTREME POVERTY						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2020	BUSINESS AS USUAL								
	COUNTRIES LIFTED OUT OF EXTREME POVERTY	 + SOCIAL PROTECTION  42 million  							
	 67 million OUT OF POVERTY								
2025	BUSINESS AS USUAL								
	NEW COUNTRIES LIFTED OUT OF EXTREME POVERTY	 + SOCIAL PROTECTION  57 million    							
	 162 million OUT OF POVERTY								
2030	BUSINESS AS USUAL								
	NEW COUNTRIES LIFTED OUT OF EXTREME POVERTY	 + SOCIAL PROTECTION  51 million     							
	 230 million OUT OF POVERTY								

# Reducing moderate poverty





# Closing the inequality gaps

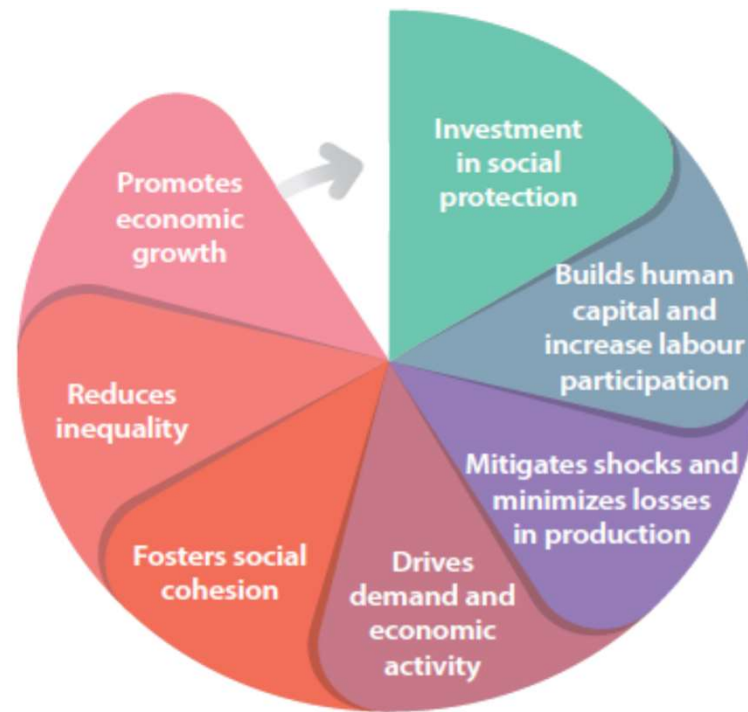


**Gini Coefficient reduced by  
5%**

if Social Protection investment  
reaches 11.2% (Global Average)

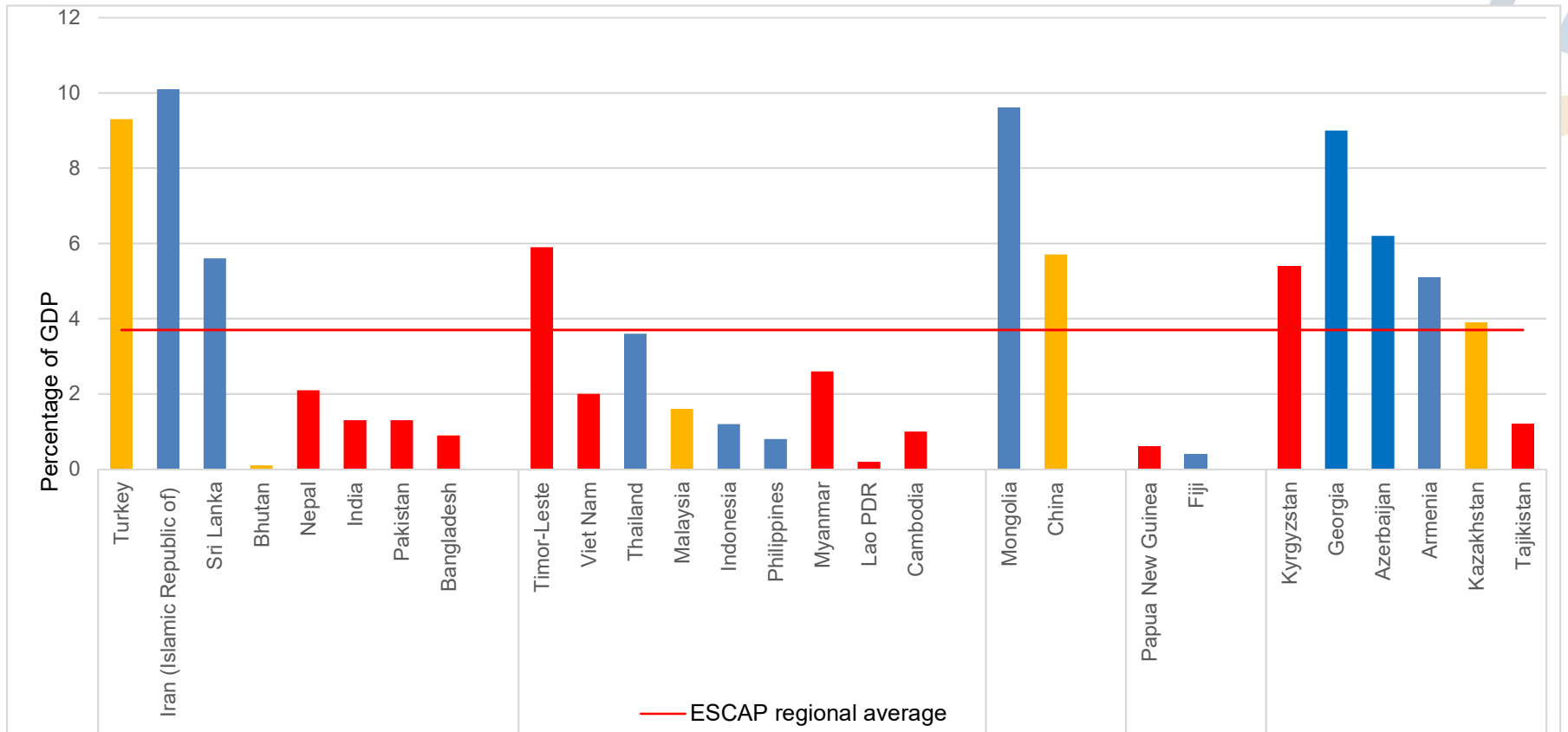
# A springboard for Development

*The Transformative Role of Social Protection*

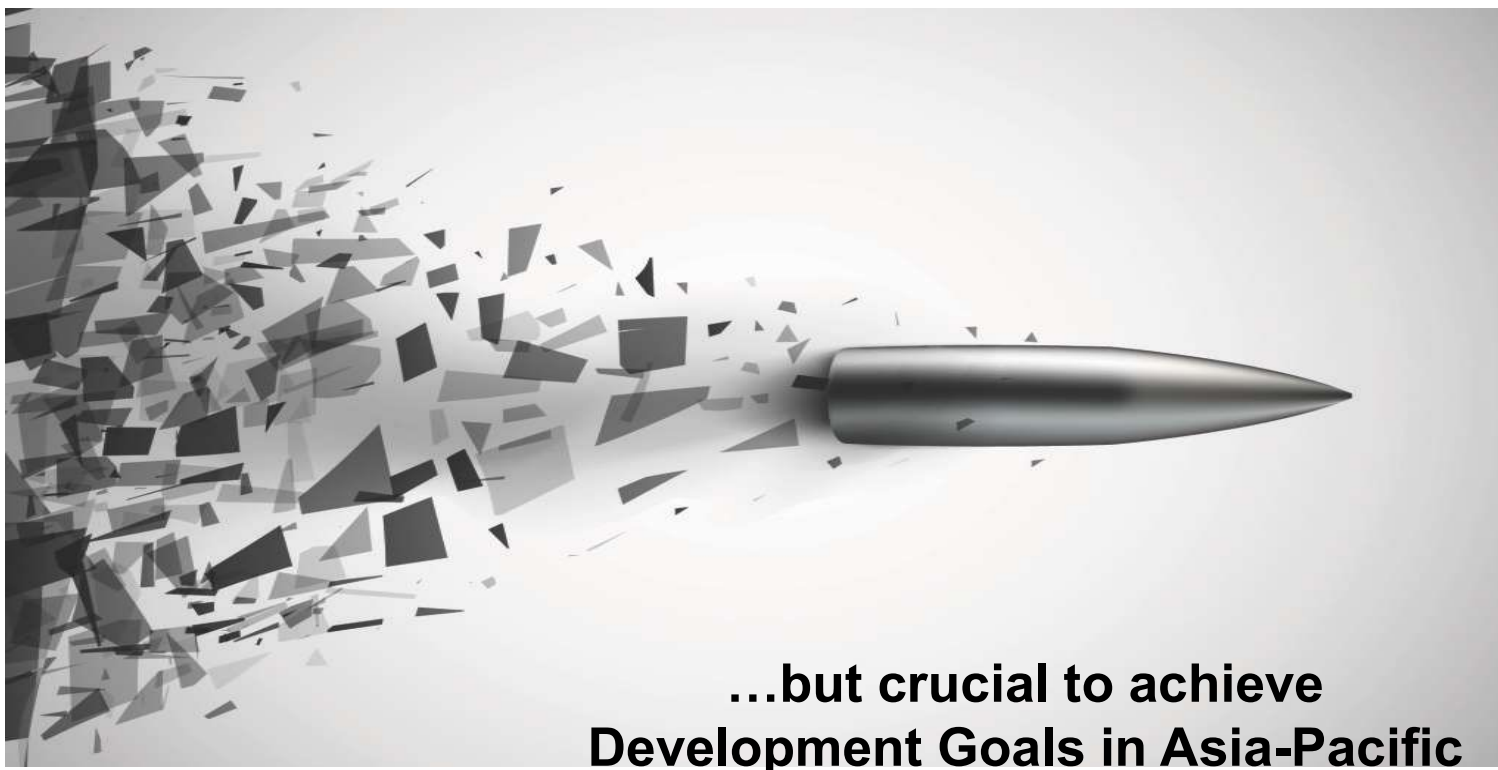




# An investment affordable for all



**Not a silver bullet.....**



**...but crucial to achieve  
Development Goals in Asia-Pacific**

