



Improving Synergies between Social Protection and Public Finance Management (SP&PFM) in Ethiopia

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Agenda

- The Project achievements (January 1-December 31, 2021) and Planned Activities for 2022
- Shock responsive Social Protection.
- Findings of the study on the extension of social protection to the informal sector in Ethiopia.
- Q & A and Discussion Session
- Any other business

Ethiopia SP&PFM project

Objective: Improve the social protection system through a sustainable financing strategy with short- and medium-term options

Project Outputs:

- i. Producing a financing strategy for social protection with short-term and medium-term options;
- ii. Extending social security to informal economy workers and supporting wage legislation related to social protection; and
- iii. Building the capacity of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) to effectively monitor the social protection system.

Project achievements: Implementation Phase (January 1-December 31, 2021)

1. **Financing strategy for Social Protection in Ethiopia with short-term and medium-term options:**
 - The final valuation reports for private organizations employees' pension fund and civil service pension fund submitted to the Ministry of Finance.
 - The development of financing strategy for social protection in Ethiopia initiated in 2021.
 - An inception report along with early-stage draft reports on spending review of social protection in Ethiopia and an investment case for social protection.

Project achievements: Implementation Phase (January 1-December 31, 2021)

2. Extending social security to informal economy workers and supporting wage legislation related to social protection:

- A technical study on the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy has been undertaken.
- Supported a workshop for the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETU) on improving social protection compliance by their formal private sector members of CETU.
 - The workshop focused on awareness creation on coverage extension to workers in the informal economy.
 - Produced a position paper with a set of recommendations to expand social protection to workers in both the formal and informal economy.

Project achievements: Implementation Phase (January 1-December 31, 2021)

- Supported two workshops organized by Federation of Ethiopian Associations of Persons with Disabilities (FEAPD) to promote disability inclusion in the social protection system of Ethiopia,
 - The workshop targeted government institutions, Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and media outlets.
 - Following the workshops, OPDs have established a working group (with regional representation) that closely works with MoLSA to promote disability inclusion in the social protection system.



Project achievements: Implementation Phase (January 1-December 31, 2021)

3. Building the capacity of MoLSA to effectively monitor the social protection system:

- Continues to support the Federal Social Protection Platform to maintain momentum and build greater coordination for the social protection sector.
- Provided technical assistance to MoLSA to coordinate and manage a mobile based monitoring application to track COVID-19 top-up cash transfers UPSNP clients.
- The social protection mapping report and the social protection data collected through the Social Security Inquiry (SSI) were formally submitted to MoLSA for application as a social protection monitoring tool for reporting on SDG 1.3.
- Supported MoLSA to develop a website that aggregates all social protection sector information and data.

Project achievements: Impl. Phase Cont'd...

3. Building the capacity of MoLSA to effectively monitor the social protection system:

- Supported the organization of the annual Labour and Social Protection forum of MoLSA.
- The project is supporting the monitoring and evaluation functions of MoLSA, while strengthening national social protection MIS capacity.
- Six participants from MoLSA/BoLSAs and social security institutions were sponsored to attend the ILO-ITC's training.
- The project provided financial and technical support for MoLSA through comprehensive institutional capacity development

Synergies and partnerships with other strategic social protection and PFM interventions

- Link with the World Bank's work on the SP PEIR exercise.
- Opportunity for partnerships / engagement via the Federal Social Protection Platform.
- Links with RPSNP Donor Working Group, and WB UPSNP team
- Links with other ILO projects:
 - PROSPECTS (on SP programme development for refugees and host communities);
 - Skill-Up Project (on disability inclusion);
 - BMZ funded ILO "Wage Subsidy" project (for COVID-19 affected workers in the textile and garment sector).
- Links with the EU-supported project "Bridging the Gap II".
- Potential collaborations with IFIs and the PFM technical working group.

Main Challenges

- The impact on the economy due to COVID-19 and internal instability and conflicts.
- The COVID-19 pandemic's impact on travel restriction for the study on the extension of SP to informal economy workers.
- The current conflict in Northern Ethiopia has resulted in a shift of the government's and partners' focus to national security threats and humanitarian assistance.

Visibility and Communications

- The country web page of the project updates contents on resources and events of the Ethiopia SP&PFM project.



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Consultative workshop on social protection in Ethiopia

A workshop organized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) of Ethiopia with support from the [SP&PFM project](#) will take place in Adama from 11 to 13 March 2021.

The event aims at conducting consultations on the different social protection programmes as per the National Social Protection Policy (NSPP), with a focus on progressively building up and improving the social protection system in Ethiopia.



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Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, the SP&PFM project aims to support and strengthen the country's social protection system through sustainable financing. Activities include informing policymakers on the vulnerability of households affected by COVID-19, understanding the public finance landscape and providing financing options for social protection in the short and medium-term.

The project is committed to enhancing the coordination and monitoring capacity of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) for non-contributory and contributory social protection schemes. The project also supports and facilitates stakeholders' dialogue and will enhance appropriate governance structures and institutional capacity towards a more integrated and efficient social protection system in the country.

Activities are focused on three key areas:

- Producing a financing strategy for social protection in Ethiopia with short-term and medium-term options;
- Assessing the means to extend social security to informal economy workers and supporting wage legislation related to social protection;



Project resources

[Social Security Inquiry \(SSI\) Final Narrative Report for Ethiopia](#)

[Socio-economic Impact Analysis of COVID-19 in Ethiopia](#)

[COVID-19 Socio-economic Vulnerability Assessment of Ethiopia](#)

[Policy Brief on Mitigating the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in Ethiopia](#)

[Annex 1 – Vulnerability Impact Fiches \(Mitigating the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in Ethiopia\)](#)

[Presentation on “Social Protection Programs Coverage and Context in Ethiopia”](#)

[Social Protection-PFM Project Introductory Brochure for Ethiopia](#)

Events

[Consultative Workshop on Disability Inclusion within the PSNP V in Ethiopia \(November 24-26, 2021\)](#)

[Workshop on Raising Awareness on Disability Inclusive Social Protection in Ethiopia \(July 13-14, 2021\)](#)

[Tripartite Consultation Workshop on Social Protection Extension to Formal and Informal Workers \(May 18-19, 2021\)](#)

[The Third Ethiopian Federal Social Protection Platform Meeting \(April 16, 2021\)](#)

[Workshop on Disability Inclusive Social Protection for Organizations of Persons with Disabilities in Ethiopia \(April 16-17, 2021\)](#)

[The Third Reference Group Meeting of the SP&PFM Project in Ethiopia \(April 8, 2021\)](#)

[Consultative Workshop on Social Protection in Ethiopia \(March 11-13, 2021\)](#)

Planned activities: January 1-December 31, 2022

Output 1: Financing strategy for Social Protection in Ethiopia

- Produce final report on spending review of social protection in Ethiopia, investment case study and financing strategy.
- Launch workshop for the financing strategy study and continued policy advocacy
- Provide technical/expertise assistance to the Ministry of Finance and the two social security agencies (PSSSA and POESSA) on implementation of the recommendations of the actuarial valuation reports.

Planned activities: January 1-December 31, 2022

Output 2: Extending social security to informal economy workers and supporting wage legislation related to social protection

- Finalize the technical assessment on extending social protection to informal economy workers in Ethiopia and validate the study. Develop the roadmap to inform implementation and tracking of implementation of recommendations.
- Policy advocacy: Engage partners (Ministries, social partners, POESSA) at Federal/Regional levels for consensus building on the extension of social security to informal economy workers.
- Tripartite consultation among government, workers' and employers' representatives on minimum wage and related social protection schemes through a workshop to be organised by the Confederation of Ethiopia Employers' Federations (CEEF)

Planned activities: January 1-December 31, 2022

Output 3: Building the capacity of MoLSA to effectively monitor the social protection system

- Continue to support the Federal Social Protection Platform.
- Continue supporting MoWSA in applying the SSI monitoring to better implement and track social protection programmes.
- Launching and updating of MoWSA website that aggregates all social protection sector information and data.
- Continue supporting the monitoring and evaluation functions of MoWSA, while strengthening national social protection MIS capacity.

Planned activities: January 1-December 31, 2022

Output 3: Building the capacity of MoLSA to effectively monitor the social protection system

- Continue technical support for MoWSA through comprehensive institutional capacity development.
- Support the design of the 2022-2026 National Social Protection Action Plan (NSPAP).
- Promote disability inclusion in social protection systems in Ethiopia.

Thank You



Tripartite Plus Consultation on Improving Social Protection to Formal Private Sectors and Extension to Informal Economy Workers in Ethiopia