



▶ Supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Social Protection Floors for Workers and their Families in ASEAN – Phase III

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▶ At a glance



Partners

Lao PDR: Social Security Organisation (LSSO), Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MOLSW), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Information and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Home Affairs, Commercial Bank, Lao Federation of Trade Unions (LFTU), and Lao National Chamber of Commerce Industry (LNCCI)



Donor

Government of the Republic of Korea



Duration

June 2020 – December 2023



Target beneficiaries

Policy makers, managers, technical staff of ministries and government agencies, and employers' and workers' organisations, academic and other relevant civil society organisations involved in the design and implementation of social security programmes in recipient countries



Geographical focus

Lao PDR and Asia and the Pacific Region

▶ Project objectives

The project is a continued partnership between the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Government of Korea through the Ministry of Employment and Labor (MOEL).

This project focuses on creating conditions in the target country and the region to gradually build comprehensive sustainable social protection systems for all by increasing the system coverage and increasing its effectiveness and efficiency. In addition, it also develops activities to increase countries' understanding and increased awareness on the importance of social protection.

It helps strengthen the arguments of line ministries, social security institutions and social partners in advocating for increased budget allocations. In turn, those allocations will be better managed, allowing for an increased impact in terms of coverage and for accessibility and quality of services delivery. Ultimately, this will lead to more women and men in Lao PDR, as well as other countries in the region, being covered by a more effective, efficient, sustainable and gender-sensitive social protection system.

The project also contributes to the development of a Centre of Excellency for knowledge sharing exchange in the area of social protection. The idea is to build synergies between different projects in the area of social protection in the region and develop a model that allows the collection and regular exchange of best practices. Initially, the focus will be in the area of Employment Insurance.

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At the regional level, relationships with the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) and Korean partner institutions, Korea Workers' Compensation and Welfare Service (COMWEL) and the Korea Employment Information Service (KEIS), will be reinforced to boost information exchange and identify good practices.

- Comprehensive and sustainable social protection for all with increased coverage in Lao PDR
- Better understanding and increased awareness of the importance of social protection

► Project outcomes

- Increased coverage among workers in registered enterprises and self-employed workers
- Enhanced understanding of the financial ecosystem for social security contribution and benefit payments in Lao PDR
- Enhanced awareness of the benefits of social security and NSSF in Lao PDR
- Comprehensive knowledge of social protection and employment insurance
- Increased capacity of members of government institutions and social partners

► Main activities

- Analysis of the coverage gaps and access barriers among workers in registered enterprises and self-employed workers
- Analysis of possible amendments to the Social Security Law with a view to increase coverage
- Capacity building including exchange of information and experiences from other countries on increasing coverage among hard-to-reach populations and informal workers and increasing compliance
- Analysis of existing and potential payment mechanisms and their extension to all groups of workers in urban and remote areas

- Capacity building including exchange of experiences and good practices from other countries
- Capacity building and advocacy training for worker and employer representatives on social protection
- Organise regional seminars to share knowledge and best practice on social protection
- Develop regional knowledge products in the area of SP under the umbrella of the Centre of Excellency
- Organise a training seminar on the social protection in collaboration with partner institutions in Korea and ITCILO
- Provide individual countries with technical assistance based on the countries' demands and situations
- Dedicate information and communication campaigns to promote NSSF enrolment among workers and enterprises



Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Social Protection, Myanmar

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