

# SPIAC-B

Social Protection Inter-agency  
Cooperation Board

A photograph of a woman from behind, carrying a baby on her back. She has her hair in braids and is wearing a black top. The baby is in a colorful, patterned sling. They are standing in a lush green field with trees in the background.

**COLLABORATING FOR  
POLICY COHERENCE AND  
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT**

# SOCIAL PROTECTION IS CRITICAL

Social protection is a set of policies and programmes aimed at preventing and protecting all people against poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion, throughout their life cycle placing a particular emphasis on vulnerable groups. This means ensuring adequate protection for all who need it, including children; people of working age in case of maternity, sickness, work injury or for those without jobs; persons with disability and older persons. This protection can be provided through social insurance, tax-funded social benefits, social assistance services, public works programs and other schemes guaranteeing basic income security and access to essential services.

**SOCIAL PROTECTION IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ANY COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND THEREFORE FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN THE AGENDA 2030 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

Social protection is relevant for most, if not all, of the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and particularly for SDG1 on ending poverty, as reflected in the target 1.3: "Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable."

Around the world, governments and international agencies and organizations have developed programmes and initiatives to extend social protection. In order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of these efforts, SPIAC-B supports coordination of efforts to ensure policy coherence and avoid duplication and fragmentation.

# SPIAC-B ANSWERS THE CALL

To improve coordination of efforts, the Social Protection Inter-agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B) was established in July 2012 in response to a request from the G20. The Board brings together leaders and technical experts from member agencies to coordinate their social protection activities as well as identify new areas of work that require coordination efforts.

SPIAC-B is co-chaired by the ILO and the World Bank and is made up of over 20 members, including United Nations agencies and organizations, multilateral and bilateral development agencies, civil society and other organizations. The non-governmental organizations and think tanks working on social protection issues are welcome as observers at the Board.

## WHAT ARE SPIAC-B'S GOALS?

SPIAC-B improves the coherence and coordination of social protection policy advice and activities of the international development community at the global, regional and country levels. The Board supports the Agenda 2030 and works with its members towards the achievement of the SDGs related to social protection.

## SPIAC-B ACCOMPLISHES ITS GOALS BY FOCUSING ON FOUR KEY AREAS



### PROMOTION

We work to promote universal social protection as one of the top development priorities at the global, regional and national levels. SPIAC-B launched the Universal Social Protection Initiative to promote the implementation of target 1.3 of the 2030 Agenda



### POLICY COHERENCE

We help advance interagency policy coherence when responding to country demands regarding the development and the reform of national social protection systems, including floors. SPIAC-B members have created shared visions and consistent approaches in improving social protection in a number of countries through the joint development and application of Inter-agency Social Protection Assessment (ISPA) tools.



### COORDINATION

We avoid duplications of efforts and enable members to coordinate technical and policy advice regarding social protection programmes or social protection systems. For example, SPIAC-B issued a joint statement on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.



### KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES

We act as a hub for the exchange of social protection knowledge, policy experience, good practices, and statistical data among SPIAC-B members and the wider development community. For example, SPIAC-B launched the knowledge-sharing and learning portal [socialprotection.org](http://socialprotection.org) and published a series of 23 briefs related to Universal Social Protection documenting related good practices.

**SPIAC-B INCREASES EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION  
INTERVENTIONS ACROSS COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**





**OUR MISSION:**  
WE COLLABORATE TO  
COORDINATE AND AMPLIFY  
THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT  
EFFORTS AIMED AT IMPROVING  
SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS



# OUR INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## WHAT ARE SOME OF SPIAC-B'S RECENT KEY ACHIEVEMENTS?

The development of a set of Interagency Social Protection Assessment (ISPA) **tools that provide an agreed framework for analysis** regarding various aspects of social protection systems, program and delivery mechanisms.

The launch of the **Global Partnership for Universal Social Protection Initiative** in 2016. The partnership strives for a world where anyone who needs social protection should be able to access it.

The launch of a **learning and knowledge-sharing portal, [socialprotection.org](http://socialprotection.org)** that hosts webinars, online communities, discussion fora, a social protection library, an events calendar and other interactive tools.

## TOOLS TO IMPROVE SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR ALL (ISPA)

SPIAC-B has made considerable advances in creating a shared conceptual framework for the analysis and development of social protection systems. This effort works directly towards our policy coherence goal.

The Inter-agency Social Protection Assessment (ISPA) tools enable countries to identify strengths and weaknesses and elaborate options how to improve the performance of their national social protection systems.



**So far, there have been 63 applications of different ISPA tools in 53 countries, providing valuable analysis to inform social protection policy making.**



## PROMOTING GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

SPIAC-B members view knowledge and experience sharing as a cornerstone of the Board's efforts. We encourage countries and social protection agencies to make data available, document good practices and disseminate lessons learned. We have created and continuously update an inventory of the social protection activities of our members. We also work with several online resources to expand the universe of social protection knowledge:



Social Protection  
Gateway – G20,  
hosted by  
IPC-IG/UNDP



Social Protection  
Platform, hosted  
by the ILO



Social Protection  
and Labor Global  
Practice of the  
World Bank

[SOCIALPROTECTION.ORG](http://SOCIALPROTECTION.ORG)

[SOCIAL-PROTECTION.ORG](http://SOCIAL-PROTECTION.ORG)

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SOCIALPROTECTIONLABOR](http://WORLDBANK.ORG/SOCIALPROTECTIONLABOR)

# WHAT IS THE SPIAC-B AND HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

SPIAC-B is about cooperation and ensuring policy coherence by bringing together the different competencies and constituents of agencies specialized in social protection topics. That collective strength helps us to support countries that want to develop their social protection systems. Together, we work on realizing the goal of leaving no one behind and achieving the sustainable development goals.

## SPIAC-B MEMBERS

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WFP • WHO • UN Women • World Bank • European Commission • Australia (DFAT)  
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ICSW • ITUC • ODI • Save the Children • SOLIDAR • SOLIDARIS • World Solidarity

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