



Extending Social Security Coverage in ASEAN (ESSA) (2016-2018)

Project Brief

The new phase of the project aims at specifically enhancing knowledge, understanding and expertise on extension of social security, and stimulate South-South cooperation across ASEAN Member States.

OBJECTIVE



March 2016 - March 2019

DURATION



Ministry of Labour, Health and Welfare of Japan

DONOR



ASEAN Member States,
Indonesia and Viet Nam

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



Indonesia:

- ◆ Ministry of Manpower
- ◆ National Social Security Provider on Employment (BPJS Ketenagakerjaan)
- ◆ National Development and Planning Agency (Bappenas)
- ◆ Trade Union Confederations
- ◆ Indonesian Employers' Association (Apindo)

KEY PARTNERS



Viet Nam:

- ◆ Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam,
- ◆ Viet Nam Social Security
- ◆ Viet Nam workers and employers' organizations

- ◆ ASEAN Secretariat
- ◆ ASEAN SLOM and SOMSWD,
- ◆ ASEAN Trade Unions Council (ATUC)
- ◆ ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)

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Background

This project is the third phase of the Project to Promote and Build Social Protection Asia, started in 2011.

In October 2013, ASEAN Heads of State adopted a Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection, pledging for the completion of social protection floors as a priority to achieve growth with equity. The Regional Framework for Strengthening Social Protection and its Plan of Action, adopted by the ASEAN Heads of State in November 2015, includes among its priorities the extension of social security coverage to informal economy workers, self-employed and micro, small and medium enterprises' workers.

The project provides direct support to Indonesia and Viet Nam for improving its legal and institutional frameworks, administration and services in view of increasing social security coverage. Lessons learnt, experiences and good practices from the two countries will be disseminated across the ASEAN Member States.

Main Activities

- ◆ Build capacity and create knowledge to effectively and sustainably extend coverage of social security systems in ASEAN;
- ◆ Improve policy and legal frameworks for a better enforcement of the social security laws;
- ◆ Foster mechanisms for social security laws and regulations compliance, including through strengthened social security inspection, in Indonesia and Viet Nam;
- ◆ Support public administration and services reforms for streamlined and more efficient procedures and services for social insurance registration, payment of contributions, benefits claims and appeals in Indonesia and Viet Nam; and
- ◆ Raise awareness on the significance of contributing to the social security system through a cost/benefits analysis at micro-level; and existing systems and recent reforms in Indonesia and Viet Nam.

Project Outcomes

- ◆ Knowledge and expertise are enhanced among ASEAN Member States for extending social protection to all and as a result, measures are proposed at national level to increase social security coverage in ASEAN;
- ◆ More workers are covered by social security schemes, in particular among workers of the informal economy, of micro, small and medium enterprise and self-employed, through improved policy, legal framework, and enforcement and delivery mechanisms in Indonesia and Viet Nam.



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