The UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection

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The Global Social Protection Gap

Global effective coverage rates
(excluding health and sickness)

46.9%
of the global population
are effectively covered by
at least one social protection
benefit (SDG 1.3)

Population receiving at least one social
protection benefit (SDG 1.3) by region

- 83.9% Europe and Central Asia
- 64.3% Americas
- 44.1% Asia and the Pacific
- 40% Arab States
- 17.4% Africa

ILO, World Social Protection Report 2020-22
The Global Social Protection Financing Gap

“In low- and middle-income countries, the financing gap to achieve universal social protection accounts for **3.3 per cent of GDP annually**, with 2.0 per cent of GDP required for essential health care and 1.3 per cent for the five key social protection cash benefits. ... The global averages mask significant disparities among country income groups and regions. Among the former, **low-income countries** face the largest financing gap as a proportion of their GDP, amounting to **52.3 per cent**, due to large social protection coverage gaps and low GDP in these countries.”

“**Official development assistance** becomes necessary, especially in the case of low-income countries, where the financing gap accounts for 52.3 per cent of GDP.”

ILO (2024) Financing gap for universal social protection
The Need for a Solidarity-based International Financing Mechanism


UN (2021): “Our Common Agenda – Report of the Secretary-General”


Global Accelerator on Jobs & Social Protection

- launched in 2021 by the **UN Secretary-General**
- **UN system’s collective response** for addressing the challenges that threaten development progress
- initiative aims to accelerate progress towards the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by
  -- by supporting the creation of **decent jobs**, primarily in the green, digital and care economies ("for just transitions),
  -- and by extending **social protection** to the 4 billion people who are still excluded
- Website: [www.unglobalaccelerator.org](http://www.unglobalaccelerator.org)
Global Accelerator: Pillars of Action

UN (2022) Global Accelerator on Social Protection and Jobs Implementation Strategy
Global Accelerator: Organization, Financing

- **Steering Group**: composed of pathfinder country governments, social partners, IFIs, donors, and civil society / provides the strategic direction for all engagements on the Global Accelerator.

- **Technical Support Facility**: composed of a coordination team (ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, FAO and UN WOMEN), a hub of experts and country teams / facilitates & supports the implementation of the GA

- **National Steering Committees**: composed of participating ministries, donors, social partners, civil society, UN Resident Coordinator, participating UN agencies, development banks, and others

- **Financing**: Joint SDG Fund Window / GA Financing frameworks
Global Accelerator: Pathfinder Countries
Global Accelerator: CSO engagement

- Participation of CSOs in the **GA Steering Group** (at global level) and in the **National Steering Committees**

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