The purpose and scope of the ESCAP Project

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Presentation

Purpose of the project and its contribution to social protection policies

UWhy focus on income support schemes?

□Scope of the project

Tentative roadmap of the project





Purpose of the Project & its contribution to Social Protection Policies

□ Key beneficiaries are policymakers who:

- understand the needs to address poverty and vulnerability in their countries; and
- need information on policy options applicable to tackle needs through social protection
- □ Purpose: help policymakers find most appropriate options to address needs
 - Through providing knowledge on policy alternatives and policy tools on ISS and social protection





Purpose of the project

To provide policymakers with in-depth information on ISS:

- On the context where the income support schemes are implemented;
- On parameters and institutions determining characteristics and diversities; and
- On outcomes, including impacts on the livelihood of the poor and poverty reduction
- **To equip policymakers with knowledge of ISS to tackle poverty and** vulnerability in their own countries.



Support member states to strengthen their social protection programmes





Why Income Support Schemes

□ ISS as a common policy response to poverty & vulnerability

- Often utilized as a targeted policy response to poverty and crisis, but very limited information and examples available to analyze impact
- □ ISS are often adapted to specific contexts
 - Need to be carefully designed with contextual information









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