



► Building social protection floors for all

ILO Global Flagship Programme

2024 Results

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“We’ve reached an important milestone, but millions remain unprotected...”

- ▶ For the first time, **over half of the global population** benefits from social protection.
- ▶ Still, **just less than half** remain without coverage, with the most vulnerable at greatest risk.
- ▶ **Informal workers, migrants, people with disabilities**, and those in **crisis settings** face systemic barriers.
- ▶ Closing coverage and adequacy gaps requires **universal and robust** social protection systems.
- ▶ The ILO’s Flagship Programme unites global partners to drive **solutions** and **expand coverage**.

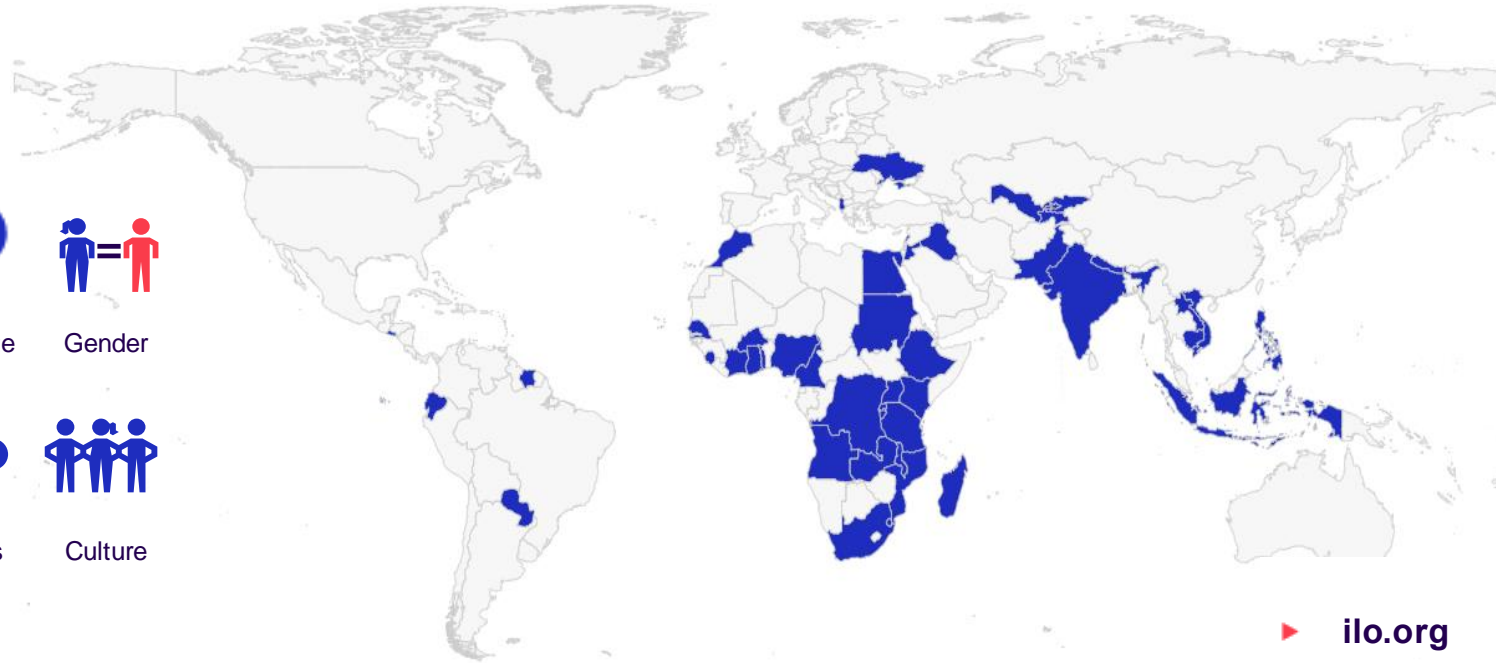


Flagship Programme approach: first two phases (2016 – 2025)

- ▶ In-country support to **50 countries** and territories (step-by-step approach)
- ▶ Complemented by technical advice in **16 thematic areas**

“The programme offers both country and thematic entry points to jumpstart improvements for social protection ...”

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Results and impact (2024)

“2024 witnessed 41 institutional changes across 31 countries and long-lasting improvements for 18.3 million people ...”

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41 institutional changes

leading to ...

Impacts on 18.3 million people

step
1

- ▶ **Policies and strategies** adopted in 10 countries

step
2

- ▶ **Schemes** were created or reformed in 10 countries

step
3

- ▶ **Operations** were improved in 21 countries

- ▶ 4.6 m with new **legal coverage**



Legal
coverage

- ▶ 2.6 m with new **effective coverage**



Effective
coverage

- ▶ 11.1 m with **more adequate and comprehensive benefits**



More
comprehensive
and adequate
protection



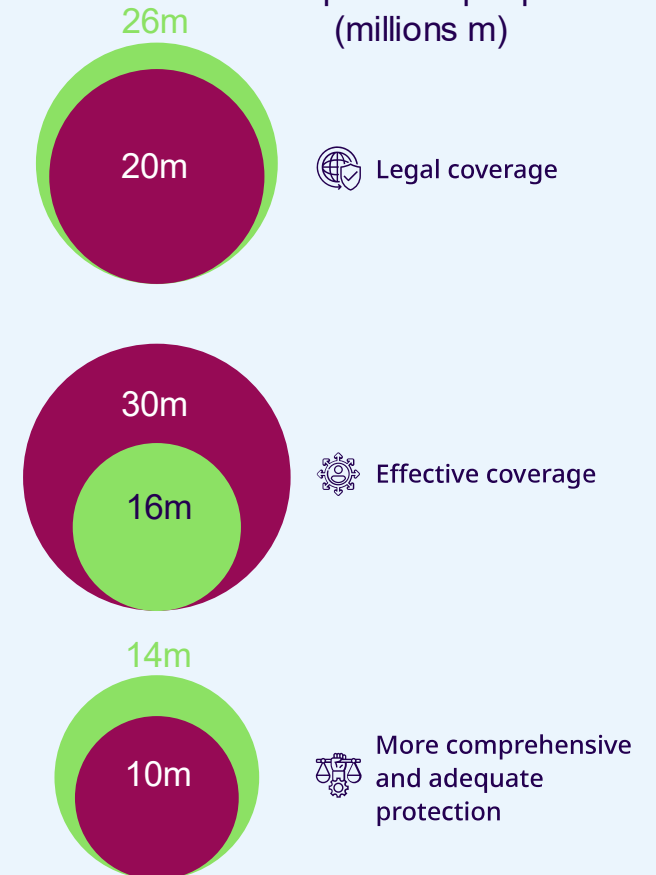
Second phase: Results and impact to date (2021-2024)

"The Programme has surpassed its ambition for nearly all metrics."

Number of institutional changes achieved in countries



Impacts on people
(millions m)





“Partnerships forged and strengthened in 2024 will further multiply results and impacts achieved by the Programme ...”

- ▶ **Multi-donor programme** continues to offer advantages of greater alignment and efficiency of operations, while preserving flexibility in fund management.
- ▶ **New or expanded partnerships** with the European Union, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
- ▶ Renewal of **ILO-IMF partnership** in second phase with focus on social protection financing.
- ▶ Continued engagement with **private sector** on priorities of social health protection.



“To date, the ILO has raised over US\$120 million for Flagship Programme activities worldwide ...”

- ▶ For its Second Phase, the Flagship Programme has mobilized **US\$122.1 million** + **US\$10 million** in ILO resources.
- ▶ Includes **US\$8.1 million** mobilized in **2024**.
- ▶ More coherent resource mobilization approach: **multi-donor programme**.
- ▶ Strengthen **in-country support** and close funding gap of **US\$27.9 million**.
- ▶ Further develop and strengthen thematic work.

Breakdown of Second Phase budget of US\$160 million (as of 31 December 2024)



- Resources mobilized
- Resource gap
- ILO contribution

Number of new projects begun and funding approved in 2024 (US\$)

	Number of new projects	Amount of new funding approved (in US\$)
2024	21	8,095,069

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“Laying the groundwork is critical before scaling and accelerating impact ...”

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UN Global Accelerator

- ▶ Builds strong foundations of **national social protection systems** essential for the success of initiatives like the Global Accelerator.
- ▶ Devises strategies to extend social protection to the **informal economy**. Links social protection to **climate change**.
- ▶ Works on **social protection financing** gaps and fiscal space analysis. Supports SP financial and administrative governance.
- ▶ ILO flagship programme. Develops **partnerships on social protection** (e.g. USP2030).
- ▶ Complements the FP, by trying to overcome social protection coverage and financing gaps **through integrated policy and financing**.
- ▶ Develops integrated policy approaches (employment, skills, social protection, SME, fiscal) leading to greater social protection coverage and adequacy in the **informal economy**.
- ▶ Promotes social protection for **just and sustainable transitions** in the context of climate change, digitalization, demographic shifts and sectoral transformations.
- ▶ Engages with Ministries of Finance, IFIs and DFIs, global gateway to **increase investments in social protection** and the **social impact** of infrastructure projects.
- ▶ UN high impact initiative with high level commitments from governments. Partnerships **beyond the social protection community**.



“What’s next?”

Preparation for the third (3rd) phase of the Global Flagship Programme (2026-2030)

Development of a new phase of the Programme’s Strategy

- ▶ Drawing upon lessons learned from implementation and evaluations.
- ▶ Articulating links with initiatives such as Global Accelerator, Global Shield against Climate Risks, Loss and Damage Fund, UN Peace and Development Fund, Rapid Social Response Adaptive and Dynamic Social Protection Umbrella Trust Fund (RSR ADSP), etc.
- ▶ A resource mobilization strategy, including more diverse partners.
- ▶ Revised monitoring and evaluation framework.

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