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Building Adaptive Social Protection Requires a Financing Ecosystem

Different parts of the ASP system require different forms of finance — no single financing actor can fund them all.

ASP SYSTEM NEED	FINANCING REQUIREMENT	PREFERRED ACTORS	COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE / ROLE
Policy, institutions & fiscal architecture	Patient, predictable system-building finance	MDBs + domestic government	Multi-year country engagement; policy-, results- and investment-based financing; links with ministries of finance.
Core delivery systems	Scale finance for registries, payments and regular transfers	Domestic budgets + MDBs	National systems provide reach, continuity and scale; MDBs can strengthen and scale demonstrated approaches.
Climate integration & preparedness	Grants / concessional finance for system modification	Climate funds + bilateral partners	Readiness, technical expertise and grant finance can link registries and delivery systems with climate information and early warning.
Innovation & shock-responsive mechanisms	Flexible, higher-risk finance for testing and learning	Philanthropy + bilateral grants + climate funds	Flexibility and risk appetite for experimentation, new delivery mechanisms, institutional learning and pilots.
Participation, accountability & local delivery	Flexible finance for processes often difficult to fund through lending	Bilateral grants + philanthropy + grassroots organizations	Supports facilitation, capacity, social accountability and participation; grassroots actors add local knowledge and legitimacy.



The financing question is not “who funds ASP?” — it is

“which financing actor is best suited to which part of the ASP system?”