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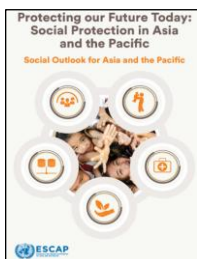
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KEYNOTE SESSION: Boosting Resilience to Face Polycrises and Megatrends



[Social Outlook for Asia and the Pacific 2024: Protecting Our Future Today: Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific](#)

UN-ESCAP. 2024.

Examines how social protection systems can build resilience to climate, economic, and demographic shocks and stresses.

Keywords: social protection; resilience; climate shocks; economic shocks; demographic change

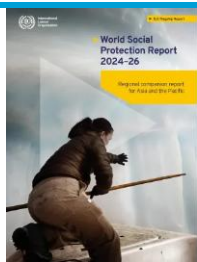


[2025 Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership Report: Delivering a Just Transition: Advancing Decent Work, Gender Equality, and Social Protection](#)

ADB et al. 2025. Asian Development Bank.

Examines workforce disruption within a just transition and underscores the need to strengthen training, social protection, and gender equality.

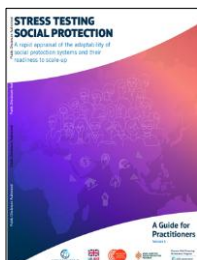
Keywords: just transition; decent work; gender equality; social protection; Asia-Pacific



[World Social Protection Report 2024–26: Regional Companion Report for Asia and the Pacific](#) ILO. 2024.

Reviews progress in extending social protection since 2015 and highlights the role of climate action in supporting a just transition to a more sustainable future.

Keywords: *social protection; climate action; just transition; sustainability; Asia-Pacific*



[Stress Testing Social Protection: A Rapid Appraisal of the Adaptability of Social Protection Systems and Their Readiness to Scale-Up](#) C. Bodewig et al. 2021. World Bank

Presents a rapid appraisal tool for assessing the adaptability of social protection systems and their readiness to scale up in response to shocks, supporting efforts to strengthen resilience and improve crisis response.

Keywords: *adaptive social protection; shock responsiveness; social protection systems; resilience; crisis response*

SESSION 5: Is It Working for Our Workforce? Rethinking Social Insurance



[Inclusive Social Insurance: Exploring Real Solutions to Reach the Self-Employed.](#)

S. McClanahan et al. 2026. *ILO Working Paper*. No. 176

Examines country approaches to extending social insurance to self-employed workers, identifying practical design and implementation lessons for low- and middle-income countries.

Keywords: *inclusive social insurance; self-employed workers; informal employment; low- and middle-income countries; coverage extension*



[Social Dialogue for Social Protection: A Perspective from the Informal Economy in Southeast Asia](#)

A. Sevilla et al. 2026. *WIEGO Working Paper*. No. 49. Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

Examines how workers in informal employment across Southeast Asia use social dialogue, grassroots organizing, and advocacy to improve access to social protection and influence policy, arguing for more inclusive and gender-responsive social protection systems.

Keywords: *social dialogue; social protection; informal economy; worker representation; Southeast Asia*



[Negotiating Social Security for Workers on the Margin: Innovations from the Global South](#)

M. S. Ulriksen and I. F. André. 2026. *Global Social Policy*. 26 (2). pp.163-190

Highlights how informal, non-standard, and digitalized work in the Global South leaves many workers outside social security systems, while assessing both grassroots innovations and the limits of incremental reforms in addressing structural exclusion.

Keywords: *social security; informal work; non-standard employment; Global South; structural exclusion*

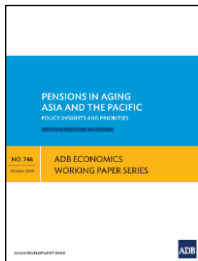


['I Want to be Protected': Experiences and Perspectives of Informal Workers on Social Security in Thailand](#)

W. Komin et al. 2024. *WIEGO Policy Brief*. No. 31. Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

Explores self-employed workers' experiences of accessing Thailand's Social Security Fund and identifies barriers to adequate social security coverage.

Keywords: *informal workers; social protection; social security; income security; Thailand*



[Pensions in Aging Asia and the Pacific: Policy Insights and Priorities](#)

R. Chomik, P. O'Keefe and J. Piggott. 2024. *Economics Working Paper Series*. No. 746. Asian Development Bank.

Reviews the structure and performance of pension systems across Asia and the Pacific and proposes priorities for improving their coverage, adequacy, and sustainability.

Keywords: *pensions; population ageing; old-age income security; social protection; Asia-Pacific*

SESSION 6: Weathering Storms and Stresses: Adaptive and Shock-Responsive Social Protection



[Adaptive and Shock-Responsive Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific](#)

ADB. 2025.

Explains how adaptive social protection provisions can be strengthened to better protect vulnerable populations from the growing impacts of climate change and other shocks.

Keywords: *adaptive social protection; shock responsiveness; social protection systems; resilience; Asia-Pacific*



[Rethinking Social Protection and Climate Change: The Medium-Term Implications of Climate Change for Social Protection Policy and Programming in the Asia-Pacific Region](#)

C. Costella and A. McCord. 2023. Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Presents a framework for understanding the implications of climate change and potential social protection responses in Asia and the Pacific.

Keywords: *climate-responsive social protection; climate resilience; adaptation; vulnerable populations; Asia-Pacific*



[Strengthening Climate Resilience Through Asset Transfers: Lessons from Pakistan's National Poverty Graduation Programme](#)

S. Nawaz, R. Zizzamia and N. Iqbal. 2025. IGC Working Paper.

Highlights the need for climate-resilient assets and shock-responsive support to protect households from increased financial vulnerability during climate shocks.

Keywords: *asset transfers; poverty graduation; climate resilience; shock-responsive support; Pakistan*

[Adaptive and Climate Shock-Responsive Social Protection in the Global South: Can a](#)



[Transformative Turn Strengthen Climate Resilience?](#)

E. Monyei. 2026. *Climate Interactions*. 2 (1): 2629273

Assesses whether adaptive social protection in climate-vulnerable Global South countries goes beyond short-term relief by embedding rights, inclusion, participation, and institutional coordination to strengthen long-term climate resilience.

Keywords: *adaptive social protection; climate shocks; transformative resilience; inclusion; Global South*



[Dynamics Modeling of Adaptive Social Protection for Climate Disaster Resilience: Evidence from Lampung Province, Indonesia](#)

N. Mulyana et al. 2026. *Journal of Research in Social Science and Humanities*. 6 (1)

Models how community capacity-building and government response contribute to climate-disaster resilience, offering practical lessons for adaptive social protection in disaster-prone regions.

Keywords: *adaptive social protection; disaster management; government response; socioeconomic vulnerability; Indonesia*



[When Social Protection Anticipates Risk: Lessons from a Shock Responsive Social Protection Simulation in Rajshahi, Bangladesh](#)

S. Sengupta et al. 2026. *Advocacy Brief*. Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

Highlights how a Bangladesh simulation used existing social protection systems to test anticipatory cash transfers for climate-related shocks, while identifying gaps in early warning, coordination, and readiness.

Keywords: *shock-responsive social protection; anticipatory cash transfers; early warning; climate shocks; Bangladesh*

SESSION 7: More than a Meal: School Feeding to Nourish Resilient Futures



[Effectiveness of the School-Based Feeding Program on Nutritional Status of Elementary Learners in Tangub City Division: A Quantitative Analysis of Baseline and Endline Assessments of SY 2023–2026](#)

L.F.T. Ordeniza, R.A.M. R. Montanez, R. T. Langam. 2026. *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science*. 10 (6). pp. 13298–13312

Evaluates changes in elementary learners' nutritional status across three school years, showing how targeted feeding, parental engagement, and local investment can support child nutrition and learning outcomes in the Philippines.

Keywords: *school-based feeding program; nutritional status; child malnutrition; learner-beneficiaries; Philippines*

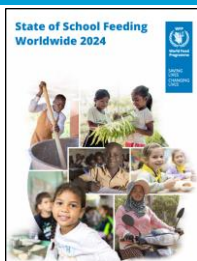


[What's on the Menu? A Review of School Meal Quality Across Twenty-Nine Countries](#)

A. Kanté et al. 2026. *Public Health Nutrition*. 29: e108

Assesses school meal quality across twenty-nine countries using nutrient composition and food-based diet quality measures, offering evidence for improving menus amid the double burden of malnutrition.

Keywords: *school meals; nutrition; children; double burden of malnutrition; menu quality*



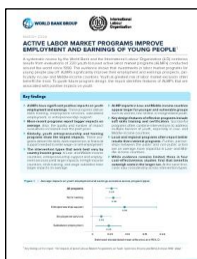
[The State of School Feeding Worldwide 2024](#)

WFP. 2025. World Food Programme

Shows that governments increasingly view school meals as investments in education, nutrition, food systems resilience, and climate resilience, providing a comprehensive global evidence base for school feeding policy.

Keywords: school feeding; social protection; food systems; resilience; global evidence

SESSION 8: Generation Employed: Creating Youth Jobs through Labor Market Programs



[Active Labor Market Programs Improve Employment and Earnings of Young People](#)

World Bank and ILO. 2026.

Shows that active labor market programs, including skills training, employment services, wage subsidies, and entrepreneurship support, improve youth employment and earnings, with particularly strong impacts in low- and middle-income countries.

Keywords: active labor market programs; youth employment; entrepreneurship; employment services; skills training

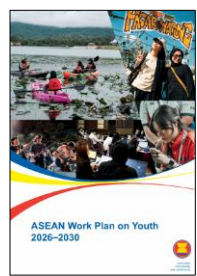


[Quality Jobs and the Future of Work in Asia and the Pacific: Impacts of a Triple Transition—Demographic, Digital, and Green](#)

ADB. 2024.

Shows how overlapping demographic, digital, and green transitions are reshaping jobs in Asia and the Pacific and explores how integrated policies can harness their growth potential.

Keywords: quality jobs; future of work; labor markets; digital transformation; Asia-Pacific



[ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2026–2030](#)

ASEAN Secretariat. 2026.

Outlines ASEAN's regional priorities on youth employability, skills development, entrepreneurship, and workforce participation, making it highly relevant for labor market policy discussions in Southeast Asia.

Keywords: ASEAN; youth employment; employability; entrepreneurship; workforce participation



[Shaping Tomorrow's Workforce: Asia Pacific Youth Insights](#)

Junior Achievement Asia Pacific and FedEx. 2026

Reports the views of more than 4,200 young people across 10 Asia-Pacific economies, identifying perceived gaps between education and employer expectations and emphasizing practical skills, entrepreneurship, and AI readiness.

Keywords: Asia-Pacific; employability; workforce readiness; entrepreneurship; AI skills

SESSION 9: The Silver Surge: Preparing for Aging and Long-Term Care



[Developing Innovative Community-Based Long-Term Care Systems and Services](#)

ADB. 2025.

Looks at ways integrated and holistic care and support services can underpin aging in place and improve health outcomes.

Keywords: long-term care; health systems; care financing; care workforce; Asia-Pacific



[Enhancing the Elderly Care Service System: Through the Silver Economy](#)

UNDP China. 2026.

Examines how the silver economy can strengthen elderly care services in response to rapid population ageing, linking care systems, ageing policy, and economic opportunities in the People's Republic of China.

Keywords: silver economy; elderly care; long-term care; ageing policy; People's Republic of China



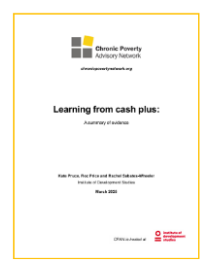
[Improved Long-Term Care Provision in the Context of Population Ageing](#)

J. K. Chhetri et al. 2026. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 104 (2): 63–63A

Highlights innovative approaches to long-term care provision and the role of social protection schemes in supporting accessible and sustainable care systems.

Keywords: long-term care; population ageing; healthy ageing; universal health coverage; care systems

SESSION 10: Safety Nets and Springboards: The Evolving Role of Social Assistance



[Learning From Cash Plus: A Summary of Evidence](#)

K. Pruce, R. Price and R. Sabates-Wheeler. 2025. Chronic Poverty Advisory Network: Institute of Development Studies

Synthesizes evidence on cash plus programs, identifying how cash transfers combined with complementary interventions can improve livelihoods and other well-being outcomes.

Keywords: cash plus; cash transfers; social protection; livelihoods; women's empowerment



[The Effectiveness of Cash and Cash Plus Interventions on Livelihoods Outcomes: Evidence from a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#)

J. Leight, K. Hirvonen and S. Zafar. 2024. *IFPRI Discussion Paper*. No. 2262. International Food Policy Research Institute

Synthesizes evidence from 104 studies across 43 countries on the impacts of cash transfer and cash-plus programmes, finding sustained gains in household consumption and income, with larger livelihood benefits when cash transfers are combined with complementary livelihood interventions.

Keywords: cash transfers; cash plus; livelihoods; income; consumption



[Harnessing Social Protection for Gender Equality, Resilience and Transformation](#)

S. Staab et al. 2024. World Survey on the Role of Women in Development. UN-Women

Takes stock of progress, gaps, and challenges in building comprehensive, gender-responsive social protection systems.

Keywords: gender-responsive social protection; gender equality; crisis resilience; women and girls; sustainable development



[Reducing Extreme Poverty and Advancing Inclusive Social Protection in ASEAN](#)

BRAC International. 2026.

Presents the Graduation Approach as a pathway from social assistance to livelihoods and economic inclusion, combining transfers, skills training, and productive support to help ASEAN households escape extreme poverty.

Keywords: graduation approach; economic inclusion; livelihoods; ASEAN; extreme poverty

SESSION 11: Linking the Missing Middle: Social Security for Gig and Platform Workers



[Gig Workers in Malaysia: Is the New Law a Good Deal?](#)

L.H. Aun. 2026. ISEAS Perspective. No. 2026/48

Examines how Malaysia's landmark Gig Workers Act extends social protection, dispute resolution, and worker representation to a rapidly growing gig workforce, while highlighting the implementation challenges that remain as platform work expands.

Keywords: gig workers; platform work; social protection; labor rights; Malaysia



[Opportunities and Challenges for Decent Work in the Platform Economy in Asia and the Pacific](#)

S. Dewan and P. Kashyap. 2026. ILO Working Paper. No. 164.

Examines how countries across Asia and the Pacific are responding to platform work, highlighting the need for stronger labor protections, social protection measures, and social dialogue as digital labor platforms expand faster than regulatory frameworks.

Keywords: platform economy; gig workers; social protection; labor rights; Asia-Pacific



[Social \(In\)security and Social Policy for Gig Workers in South Asia](#)

A. K. Pankaj and M. K. Jha. 2026. Discover Global Society. 4: 205

Examines how gig workers across South Asia navigate growing economic opportunities alongside persistent gaps in social protection, highlighting the need for policies that address social insecurity in platform-based work.

Keywords: gig workers; social protection; platform work; labor insecurity; South Asia

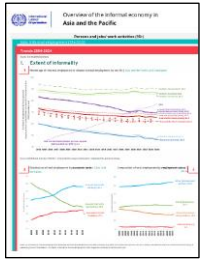


[Towards Resilient Platform Work in the Philippines](#)

Resilient Platform Work Philippines. 2026. Social Development Research Center; Manila Observatory

Examines how climate change, technological disruption, and informality combine to deepen the vulnerabilities of platform workers in the Philippines, and why stronger social protection is needed to build resilience in an expanding digital economy.

Keywords: *platform work; social protection; climate resilience; informal employment; Philippines*



[Overview of the Informal Economy in Asia and the Pacific](#)

International Labour Organization. 2025.

Profiles the scale and characteristics of informality across Asia and the Pacific, identifying workers most exposed to insecure employment, weak labor protections, and gaps in social insurance coverage.

Keywords: *informal economy; social insurance; vulnerable workers; coverage gaps; Asia-Pacific*

SPECIAL SESSION: From Roadmap to Results: Accelerating Investments in Decent Jobs and Social Protection in the Philippines and Asia and the Pacific



[Building the Case for the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)

FAO et al. 2026. FAO, ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women and WFP

Presents how the United Nations (UN) Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions is being implemented in and by pathfinder countries and contributing to significant policy changes.

Keywords: *decent work; social protection; labor markets; skills development; just transition*

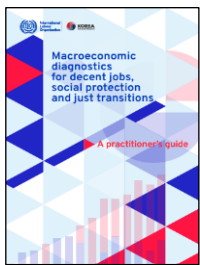


[Guidelines for the Development of Financing Strategies for the Global Accelerator Roadmaps](#)

UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions. 2025.

Provides practical advice to Global Accelerator (GA) pathfinder national teams on the financing strategy of the Global Accelerator “roadmaps”.

Keywords: *social protection financing; decent jobs; just transitions; resource mobilization; sustainable development*



[Macroeconomic Diagnostics for Jobs, Social Protection and Just Transitions: A Practitioners' Guide](#)

Y. Islam, L. Fedi and S. Verick. 2024. ILO.

Provides country-specific and global evidence to inform a broad-based policy dialogue that supports the convergence of the macro and the wider socioeconomic agendas.

Keywords: *macroeconomic diagnostics; decent jobs; social protection; just transitions; structural transformation*