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## DAY 1 | EMPOWERMENT

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# Today's Reading Pathways

**Opening Session**  
**Next-Generation Social Protection**

**Special Session**  
**Social Protection for Empowerment**

**Session 1**  
**Nutrition and Food Security**

**Session 2**  
**Social Protection for Gender Equality**

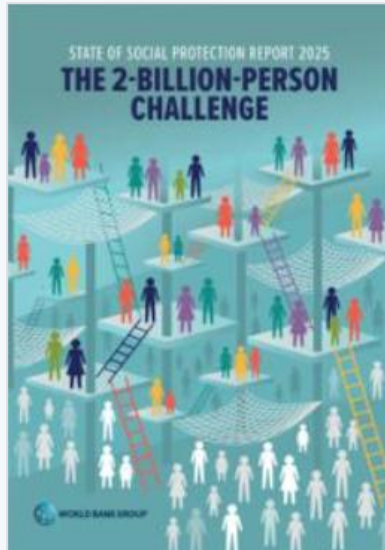
**Session 3**  
**Social Protection for Economic Inclusion**

**Session 4**  
**Disability-Inclusive Social Protection**

## OPENING SESSION

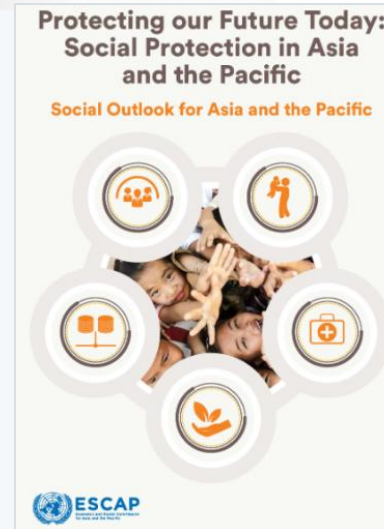
# Next-Generation Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific

**Big idea:** What do we know about social protection, and where do we need to go next?



### State of Social Protection Report 2025

Global coverage, adequacy, and financing gaps.



### Social Outlook for Asia and the Pacific 2024

Regional view of poverty, ageing, and climate risk.



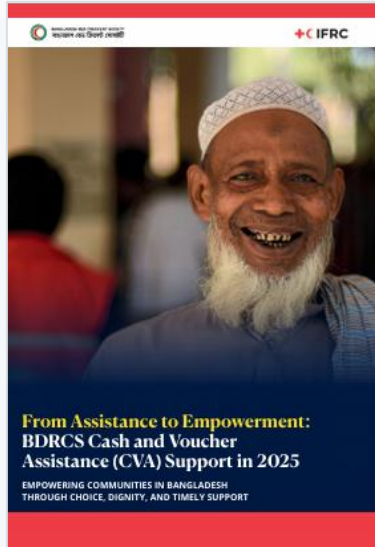
### World Social Protection Report 2024-26

A life-cycle and climate-action lens on coverage.

## SPECIAL SESSION

# Social Protection as a Platform for Empowerment

**Big idea:** How does social protection move people from assistance to empowerment?



## From Assistance to Empowerment

Cash support that builds household self-reliance.



## Misdiagnosing Poverty

Why empowerment needs strong social protection.



## Interlinking Social Security and Social Empowerment

Sri Lanka pathways to inclusive development.

## SESSION 1

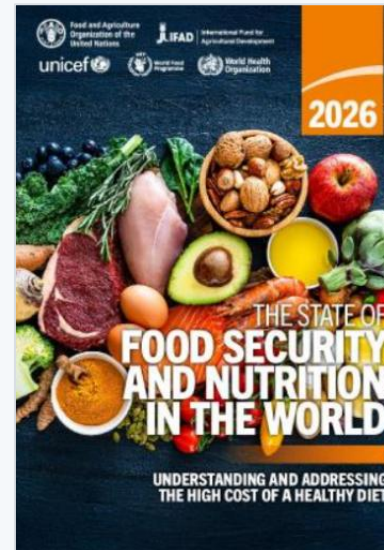
# Social Protection for Nutrition and Food Security

**Big idea:** Can social protection improve diets, nutrition, and food security?



## COVID-19 Cash Transfers and Food Security in Cambodia

Cash transfers as a food security response.



## State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2026

Understanding the high cost of a healthy diet.



## Making Social Protection Work for Improved Nutrition

Nutrition-sensitive design in Asia and the Pacific.

## SESSION 2

# Social Protection for Gender Equality

**Big idea:** How can social protection reach women and close gender gaps?



### Intersectionality and Last-Mile Delivery in Gujarat

Structural barriers to women's access.



### Gender-Responsive Social Protection

A regional landscape mapping.



### Addressing Gender-Based Violence

A scoping review of the evidence.

## SESSION 3

# Social Protection for Economic Inclusion

**Big idea:** What moves households from protection into economic opportunity?



### Rural Social Assistance in Guangdong

Targeting, income inequality, and village evidence.



### Governing Platform Work in the Digital Economy

Policy models for inclusive labour protection.



### The Middle Class and Income Poverty

Protecting the vulnerable middle, Philippines.

## SESSION 4

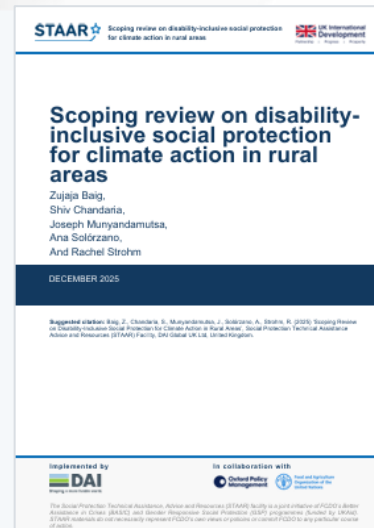
# Disability-Inclusive Social Protection

**Big idea:** How can social protection empower persons with disabilities?



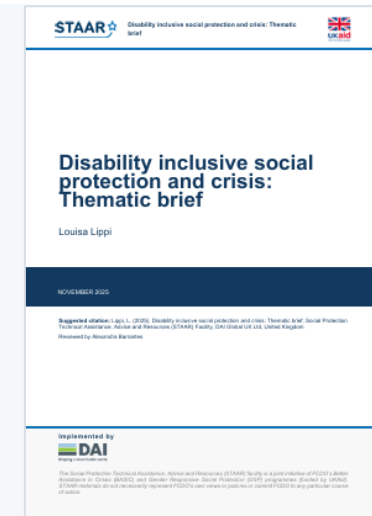
### Building an Inclusive Future: Viet Nam

Social protection as a catalyst for inclusion.



### Disability-Inclusive Social Protection for Climate Action

A scoping review in rural areas.



### Disability Inclusive Social Protection and Crisis

A thematic brief on crisis response.



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