



Webinar on Rethinking Social Protection Reform in Post-Pandemic Recovery

A side event of Task Force 5 T20 (Inequality, Human Capital, and Well-being)

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Background

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is the major unprecedented event faced by mankind in the 21st century with global impact on social protection systems. It emphasizes the urgency to establish comprehensive, adaptable, and responsive social protection systems to health, disaster, and financial crises. In parallel, the rapid demographic shift across the global economy also calls for the similar need for inclusive social protection systems and safety nets in the post-pandemic world that can protect and support vulnerable groups as well as narrowing inequality.

To develop comprehensive and inclusive social protection reform, the adoption of digital technologies and innovative approaches as well as financial literacy, among others, are key solutions to the challenges posed by the abovementioned crises, particularly to vulnerable groups. The design and implementation of social protection systems and emergency safety nets must be refined and tailored to a community, or a country based on different socioeconomic characteristics and other intersecting factors that shape its needs, opportunities, and outcomes.

As countries develop post-pandemic recovery strategies, social protection programs that help the poorest and most vulnerable groups will become increasingly important. Continuous innovation, learning, and sharing of experiences in the design and implementation of social protection measures are essential in shaping the reform of social protection systems for the post-pandemic recovery.

Objectives

- To identify important and necessary measures that must be taken into account for comprehensive reforms of social protection systems and policy solutions that address the key challenges facing developed and developing countries, particularly the disability, longevity poverty, gender equality, and non-traditional workers.
- To develop recommendations for G20 on designing social protection reforms in post-pandemic recovery.

Program Agenda	
14:00 – 14:05 (JKT) 16:00 – 16:05 (TKY)	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Tetsushi Sonobe</i>, Dean & CEO Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</p>
14:05 – 14:15 (JKT) 16:05 – 16:15 (TKY)	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p><i>Stefano Scarpetta</i>, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD</p>
14:15 – 14:25 (JKT) 16:15 – 16:25 (TKY)	<p>Special Talk on Social Protection Reform for Inclusive and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Vivi Yulaswati</i>, Senior Advisor to the Minister of National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction, Indonesia</p>
14:25 – 14:35 (JKT) 16:25 – 16:35 (TKY)	<p>Social Safety Net in the Post-Pandemic Recovery – Japan’s Experience</p> <p><i>Tomoko Hayashi</i>, Director-General of Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office, Japan</p>
14:35 – 14:50 (JKT) 16:35 – 16:50 (TKY)	<p>Q&As</p>
14:50 – 15:35 (JKT) 16:50 – 17:35 (TKY)	<p>Panel Discussion: Comprehensive Social Protection Framework for Post-Pandemic Recovery</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Elan Satriawan</i>, Chief of Policy Working Group, the National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Indonesia and Co-chair T20-Task Force5</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paola Subacchi</i>, Professor and Chair Advisory Board at the Global Policy Institute at Queen Mary, University of London • <i>Sudarno Sumarto</i>, Senior Research Fellow and Policy Adviser, The SMERU Research Institute and The National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K) • <i>John Piggott</i>, Scientia Professor of Economics, Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), University of New South Wales • <i>Amir Hamza Jilani</i>, Social Sector Specialist, Asia Development Bank (ADB) • <i>Taesuk Lee</i>, Head of Unit of Policy Responses to Demographic Changes, Korea Development Institute (KDI)
15:35 – 15:55 (JKT) 17:35 – 17:55 (TKY)	<p>Q&A and Discussion Session</p>
15:55 – 16:00 (JKT) 17:55 – 18:00 (TKY)	<p>Summary Points and Closing</p> <p><i>Asep Suryahadi</i> Lead Co-chair of Task Force 5</p>