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and

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- hereinafter referred to as the "GIZ" –

hereinafter both referred to as "Parties"

Herewith enter into the following Third Party Cost Sharing Agreement
for the Project

Social Protection Innovation and Learning

Country: Global

For correspondence and invoices (Please quote on all correspondence and invoices)

Communication details (must be quoted in all correspondence and invoices)

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The basis for the grant for **UNDP** is the commission from Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (hereinafter referred to as BMZ) dated 07.10.2020. GIZ shall provide the subsidies pursuant to this agreement exclusively on behalf of and for the account of BMZ.

**THIRD-PARTY COST-SHARING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ)
GMBH AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)**

WHEREAS the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has committed to support the project Social Protection Innovation and Learning,

WHEREAS the GIZ has been commissioned by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to financially contribute to the implementation of the project Social Protection Innovation and Learning according to the project document entitled "Fostering Knowledge Sharing, Learning and Innovation on Social Protection" (Annex 1) (hereinafter referred to as the project/ programme),

WHEREAS the GIZ hereby agrees to contribute funds to UNDP on a cost-sharing basis for the implementation of the project/ programme,

WHEREAS UNDP is prepared to receive and administer the contribution for the implementation of the project/ programme,

WHEREAS in the spirit of partnership and of ensuring harmonized programme and financial management of the project/program, GIZ has agreed to channel its contribution through UNDP,

WHEREAS the Government of Brazil has been duly informed of the contribution of the GIZ to the project/ programme,

WHEREAS UNDP shall be the executing Entity/ Implementation Partner for the implementation of the project/ programme,

NOW THEREFORE, UNDP and the GIZ hereby agree as follows:

Article I. The Contribution

1. (a) The GIZ shall, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out below, contribute to UNDP the amount of **EUR 1,139,700.00** (in words: one-million-one-hundred-thirty-nine-thousand-seven-hundred euros) (including EUR 11,284.16 coordination levy). The contribution shall be deposited in the

UNDP Contributions (EURO) Account
Account Number 6008 6272 2022
IBAN GB59 BOFA 1650 5062 7220 22
SWIFT BOFAGB22
Bank of America – London
Mail Code: 473-672-09-01
5, Canada Square, E14 5AQ London, United Kingdom

Schedule of paymentsAmount

1. **EUR 1,139,700.00** (including EUR 11,284.16 coordination levy) upon signature of the present Agreement by both Parties.

(b) The transfer of each installment will be made within two weeks upon receipt by the GIZ of a written payment request by UNDP with e-mail confirmation to UNDP when the contribution is paid at the following address: contributions@undp.org.

2. The value of the payment, if made in a currency other than USD, shall be determined by applying the UN operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of payment. Should there be a change in the United Nations operational rate of exchange prior to the full utilization by the UNDP of the payment, the value of the balance of funds still held at that time will be adjusted accordingly. If, in such a case, a loss in the value of the balance of funds is recorded, UNDP shall inform the GIZ with a view to determining whether any further financing could be provided by the GIZ. Should such further financing not be agreed on, the assistance to be provided to the project/programme may be reduced, suspended or terminated by UNDP.
3. The above schedule of payments takes into account the requirement of the project/programme and shall be made in advance of the implementation of planned activities. The schedule may be amended to be consistent with the progress of project/ programme delivery.
4. UNDP shall receive and administer the payment in accordance with the project document including the total budget for the entire Project (Annex 1) as well as with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP.
5. All financial accounts and statements shall be expressed in United States dollars.
6. UNDP shall use the contribution exclusively for expenditures for the activities described in Article II of this agreement and as in the project document annexed to this agreement.
7. The grant is made available for the period of **01.01.2021** to **31.08.2023**. Only expenditures effected during this period and relating to activities carried out during this period may be financed from this grant. Otherwise written approval of the GIZ is required.
8. Standard Coordination levy
 - a) Pursuant to paragraph 10(a) of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018, the GIZ agrees that an amount corresponding to 1% of the contribution to the Recipient shall be paid to fund the United Nations Resident Coordinator System. This amount, hereinafter referred to as the 'coordination levy' will be held in trust by the Recipient until transfer to the United Nations Secretariat for deposit into the United Nations Special Purpose Trust Fund for the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system, which has been established to fund the UN Resident Coordinator System and is managed by the United Nations Secretariat.
 - b) The GIZ acknowledges that once the coordination levy has been transferred by the Recipient to the United Nations Secretariat, the Recipient is not responsible for the use of the coordination levy and does not assume any liability. The fiduciary responsibility lies with the United Nations Secretariat as the manager of the Resident Coordinator system.
 - c) The coordination levy does not form part of the Recipient's cost recovery and is additional to the costs of the Recipient to implement the activity or activities covered by the contribution. Accordingly,

there is no normal obligation for the Recipient to refund the levy, in part or in full, even where the activities covered by the contribution are not carried out in full by the Recipient. As deemed necessary by the GIZ - and especially where the scale of the resources concerned or reputational risk justify the refund transaction costs – the GIZ can submit a request for refund to the United Nations Secretariat directly or through the United Nations entity. The responsibility to refund the levy lies with the United Nations Secretariat, and not with the concerned entity of the United Nations.

d) The levy is calculated at the time a new agreement is signed and will not be revised up or down, when the agreement is subsequently amended except where that amendment exceeds 20% of the initially agreed budget on which the original levy calculation was made. In the event that the downward revision of the agreement exceeds 20% of the initially agreed budget on which the original levy calculation was made, the United Nations Secretariat will refund the exceeding portion of the levy directly to the GIZ. In case of upward revision exceeding 20%, within this agreement the levy has to be adapted in writing and the Recipient will collect the additional levy from the GIZ and transfer it to the United Nations Secretariat. These conditions do not preclude any other circumstances where the GIZ may choose to submit a request for refund to the Recipient.

e) The coordination levy for this agreement is up to EUR **11,284.16**. The payment schedule, refer to article I (1a), provides the breakdown of the disbursements of the coordination levy and the payments of the contribution.

Article II. Utilization of the Contribution

1. The outputs of the Project include Maintenance, technical assistance, promotion and dissemination of social protection activities, organization of virtual workshops, and supporting the organization of an international conference. Major changes of these outputs as well as of the project document shall be decided in consultation with GIZ. In case of disagreement on the side of GIZ, the latter shall be free to exercise its rights under Art. IX.
2. In reference to the Project document, the GIZ contribution shall exclusively be used for the achievement of the following output and activities¹:
 - Maintenance, improvement and further development of the unbranded platform socialprotection.org towards satisfying identified member needs
 - Technical assistance in content and knowledge management and learning experiences for the socialprotection.org platform
 - Organization of a series of virtual workshops on innovative measures related to Adaptive SP
 - Support the organisation of an International Conference on Adaptive Social Protection and related topics
 - Promotion and dissemination of social protection initiatives and activities
3. The implementation of the responsibilities of UNDP pursuant to this Agreement and the project document shall be dependent on receipt by UNDP of the contribution in accordance with the schedule of payment as set out in Article I, paragraph 1, above, and shall be carried out in accordance with UNDP regulations and rules for managing a project/programme.
4. If unforeseen increases in expenditures or commitments are expected or realized (whether owing to inflationary factors, fluctuation in exchange rates or unforeseen contingencies), UNDP shall submit to

¹ Insert in case of contribution for specific project component(s).

the GIZ on a timely basis a supplementary estimate showing the further financing that will be necessary. The GIZ will decide whether the amount of the contribution will be increased accordingly.

5. If the payments referred to in Article I, paragraph 1, above are not received in accordance with the payment schedule, or if the additional financing required in accordance with paragraph 4 above is not forthcoming from the GIZ or other sources, the assistance to be provided to the project under this Agreement may be reduced, suspended or terminated by UNDP.
6. Any interest income attributable to the contribution shall be credited to the Project.
7. GIZ shall be invited to the Project Board discussions to participate in the project decisions.

Article III. Administration and reporting

1. Project management and expenditures shall be governed by the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP as well as by the annexed project document, and where applicable, the regulations, rules and policies of the Executing Entity/Implementing Partner.
2. UNDP headquarters and country office shall provide to the GIZ all of the following reports prepared in accordance with UNDP accounting and reporting procedures. Reporting from the country office (see below) shall include information on the use of the project budget; the expenditures shall be broken down according to the expenditure categories or measures as specified in the annexed project document.
3. For Agreements of more than one year:
 - (a) From the country office (or relevant unit at headquarters in the case of regional and global projects) an annual status report of project/ programme progress for the duration of the Agreement, as well as the latest available approved budget.
 - (b) From UNDP Bureau of Management/Office of Finance and Administration, an annual certified financial statement as of 31 December every year to be submitted no later than 30 June of the following year.
 - (c) From the country office (or relevant unit at headquarters in the case of regional and global projects) within six months after the date of completion or termination of the Agreement, a final report summarizing project/ programme activities and impact of activities as well as provisional financial data.
 - (d) From UNDP Bureau of Management/Office of Finance and Administration, on completion of the project/ programme, a certified financial statement to be submitted no later than 30 June of the year following the financial closing of the project.
4. If special circumstances so warrant, UNDP may provide more frequent reporting at the expense of the Donor. The specific nature and frequency of this reporting shall be specified in an annex of the Agreement.
5. In case of non-submission of project report by UNDP, unless otherwise agreed, the GIZ may, in consultation with UNDP and after having given notice to UNDP for a period of at least sixty (60) days,

following such consultation, suspend further payments until such time that UNDP provides the report that was the reason for the suspension.

Article IV. Administrative and support services

1. In accordance with the decisions and directives of UNDP's Executive Board reflected in its Policy on Cost Recovery from Other Resources, the Contribution shall be subject to cost recovery for indirect costs incurred by UNDP headquarters and country office structures in providing General Management Support (GMS) services. To cover these GMS costs, the contribution actually utilized for the implementation of the Project shall be charged a fee equal to **8%**. All direct costs as well as the fee and the 1 % coordination levy shall be identified in the project budget.
2. The aggregate of the amounts budgeted for the programme/project, together with the estimated costs of reimbursement of related support services, shall not exceed the total resources available to the programme/project under this Agreement as well as funds which may be available to the programme/project for project/programme costs and for support costs under other sources of financing. The contribution made available according to Article I shall not be exceeded and shall, therefore, include all costs and fees under Article IV.

Article V. Equipment

Ownership of equipment, supplies and other properties financed from the contribution shall vest in UNDP. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by UNDP shall be determined in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of UNDP.

Article VI. Evaluation

All UNDP programmes and projects are evaluated in accordance with UNDP Evaluation Policy. UNDP and the Government of Brazil in consultation with the GIZ and other stakeholders will jointly agree on the purpose, use, timing, financing mechanisms and terms of reference for evaluating the project including an evaluation of its contribution to an outcome, which is listed in the Evaluation Plan. UNDP shall commission the evaluation, and the evaluation exercise shall be carried out by external independent evaluators.

UNDP will promptly make available the evaluation reports to the GIZ.

Article VII. Auditing

The contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external-auditing procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules and directives of UNDP. Should an Audit Report of the Board of Auditors of UNDP to its governing body contain observations/information relevant to the contributions, such information shall be made available to the GIZ.

Article VIII. Completion of the Agreement

1. UNDP shall notify the GIZ when all activities covered by this agreement have been completed.

2. Notwithstanding the completion of the project/programme, UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized payments to the extent and until all commitments and liabilities incurred in the implementation of the project/programme have been satisfied and project activities brought to an orderly conclusion.
3. If the unutilized payments prove insufficient to meet such commitments and liabilities, UNDP shall notify the GIZ and consult with the GIZ on the manner in which such commitments and liabilities may be satisfied.
4. Any balance that remains unexpended after such commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be returned to the GIZ upon a request from GIZ providing bank account details for reimbursement. UNDP shall inform GIZ promptly about any remaining balances.

Article IX. Termination of the Agreement

1. After consultations have taken place between the Parties, this Agreement may be terminated either by UNDP or by the GIZ. The Agreement shall cease to be in force 30 (thirty) days after either of the Parties have given notice in writing to the other Party of its decision to terminate the Agreement.
2. Notwithstanding termination of all or part of this Agreement, UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized payments until all commitments and liabilities incurred up to the date of termination in the implementation of all or the part of the project, for which this Agreement has been terminated, have been satisfied.

3. Any payments that remain unexpended after such commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be returned to the GIZ upon a request from the GIZ providing bank account details for reimbursement. UNDP shall inform GIZ promptly about any remaining balances.
4. UNDP shall use its best efforts, consistent with UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures to recover any funds found by the Parties to be misused. UNDP shall, in consultation with the GIZ, credit any funds so recovered to the Project budget or, in case the Project was complete or terminated, shall dispose of such funds as agreed with the GIZ. The GIZ shall also be entitled to either suspend or terminate disbursements if it is established by the Parties that UNDP, acting wilfully or fraudulently, misuses funds entrusted to it under this Agreement. Furthermore, in the cases of fraudulent or wilful misuse, the GIZ shall be entitled to demand immediate pro-rata repayment of those respective amounts.
5. **Sanction List**
 - (1) The Recipient (UNDP) represents that it does not maintain any business relationship or has not engaged in any other activity (i) with or in favour of persons, organisations or entities which are listed on a sanctions list issued by the United Nations Security Council ("**Sanctions Lists**"), or (ii) which would constitute a breach of embargoes regulating foreign trade or of so-called financial sanctions issued by the aforementioned institution (together "**Sanctions**").
 - (2) The Recipient will not enter into or continue any business relationship with persons, organisations or entities listed on any of the Sanctions Lists and will not engage in any other activity that would constitute a breach of Sanctions.
 - (3) The Recipient will inform GIZ, promptly and of its own accord, of the occurrence of any event which results in (i) the Recipient, (ii) any member of its management bodies or (iii) other governing bodies or any of its shareholders, being listed on a Sanctions Lists.
 - (4) With regard to sanctions obligations the Recipient will, subject to and in accordance with the status, privileges and immunities of the United Nations and its applicable rules, policies and procedures, provide GIZ, as soon as the respective relevant information is available, with a list detailing the partners who will receive funds in connection with the implementation of the Project (the "GIZ List") and with a funding schedule listing the amounts of contributions. The GIZ list contains the following information: Name of the contractor/supplier/implementing partner and country of registration. The recipient will notify GIZ of any changes to the GIZ list without undue delay. To the extent required by GIZ, and subject to and in accordance with the status, privileges and immunities of the United Nations and its applicable rules, policies and procedures, the Recipient will make reasonable endeavours to provide additional details in order to assist GIZ to establish the identity of specific contractors/suppliers/implementing partners on the GIZ List. If, from the perspective of GIZ, an entry in the GIZ List presents any concerns, GIZ will inform the Recipient accordingly. In this case, GIZ will inform the Recipient accordingly and, in that event, GIZ will not issue a Non-Objection Letter to the contract award (with GIZ funding) to that specific contractor/supplier/implementing partner. However, considering the Recipient as the ultimate and final procurement authority in the procurement process, the Recipient will be free to proceed under its own responsibility with the award with funding from other source (donors) and not GIZ funding.

Article X. Amicable Settlement and Arbitration

1. Amicable Settlement

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Agreement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof.

2. Arbitration

Unless settled amicably, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties as referred to in the previous paragraph, shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable laws. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

Article XI. Privileges and Immunities

Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including UNDP.

Article XII. Amendment of the Agreement

The Agreement may be amended through an exchange of letters between the GIZ and UNDP. The amendment letters shall become an integral part of this Agreement.

Article XIII. Entry Into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and deposit by the GIZ of the first contribution payment to be made in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in Article I, paragraph 1 of this Agreement and the signature of the project document by the concerned parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement in the English language in two copies.

For the Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Contract Management 7 / Financing

For the United Nations
Development Programme

Date, 12.11.2020

Date,

ppa. Immanuel Gebhardt i.V. *Michael Mickisch*

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Director of Division
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i.V. Michael Mickisch
Head of Section E2B0

Katyna Argueta

Katyna Argueta
Resident Representative

Annex 1: Project Document including Budget

Annex 1 Contract Number 81264062
Budget / Schedule of Estimated Expenditures

Name of the Recipient: United Nations Development Programme as Administrator of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)

Description	Amount	Unit	Quantity	Unit	Eligible up to in EUR	Total GIZ Contribution in EUR (up to)	TOTAL in EUR (up to)	TOTAL in USD (up to)
1. Staff (Job Title)						425.807,02	425.807,02	499.773,49
Coordination	1	Person	4	Month	7.735,89	30.943,57	30.943,57	36.318,74
Senior Project Manager	1	Person	32	Month	4.577,28	146.473,06	146.473,06	171.916,73
Communications Assistant	1	Person	16	Month	1.405,48	22.487,75	22.487,75	26.394,08
Drupal Developer	1	Person	16	Month	1.918,40	30.694,36	30.694,36	36.026,25
e-learning specialist	1	Person	24	Month	1.918,40	46.041,54	46.041,54	54.039,37
Knowledge Management Analyst I	1	Person	16	Month	1.918,40	30.694,36	30.694,36	36.026,25
Researcher	1	Person	16	Month	1.631,98	26.111,74	26.111,74	30.647,58
Knowledge Management Assistant I	1	Person	16	Month	1.405,48	22.487,75	22.487,75	26.394,08
Knowledge Management Support I	1	Person	16	Month	1.250,27	20.004,24	20.004,24	23.479,16
Programme & Operations Analyst	1	Person	4	Month	2.204,81	8.819,24	8.819,24	10.351,23
Project & Operations Analyst	1	Person	4	Month	2.204,81	8.819,24	8.819,24	10.351,23
Project Clerk	1	Person	4	Month	576,72	2.306,86	2.306,86	2.707,58
Logistics/Travel Assistant	1	Person	4	Month	1.250,27	5.001,06	5.001,06	5.869,79
ICT Manager	1	Person	4	Month	6.230,56	24.922,22	24.922,22	29.251,44
2. External Experts / Consultant (Job Title)						148.000,00	148.000,00	173.708,92
Knowledge Management Expert	1	Person	1	Contract	60.000,00	60.000,00	60.000,00	70.422,54
Knowledge Management Junior	1	Person	1	Contract	30.000,00	30.000,00	30.000,00	35.211,27
Publications (2 Annual Reports, 1 Policy in Focus, Edition of Documents)	1	Package	1	Package	28.000,00	28.000,00	28.000,00	32.863,85
IT Consultant	1	Person	1	Contract	30.000,00	30.000,00	30.000,00	35.211,27
3. Transportation / Travel Costs						194.150,00	194.150,00	227.875,59
National Air Tickets	10	Person	1	Round-trip air ticket	245,00	2.450,00	2.450,00	2.875,59
Daily Subsistence Allowance - National	10	Person	4	Days	185,00	7.400,00	7.400,00	8.685,45
Terminal Expenses	60	Person	1	Per Travel	180,00	10.800,00	10.800,00	12.676,06
International Air Tickets	50	Person	1	Round-trip air ticket	2.250,00	112.500,00	112.500,00	132.042,25
Daily Subsistence Allowance - International	50	Person	4	Days	305,00	61.000,00	61.000,00	71.596,24
4. Training costs						5.400,00	5.400,00	6.338,03
Online Courses	1	Per Year	12	Person	450,00	5.400,00	5.400,00	6.338,03
5. Procurement of Goods and Services						233.472,47	233.472,47	274.028,72
Workstation	1	Per person	12	Per person	1.750,06	21.000,75	21.000,75	24.648,76
Servers website and Moodle	3	Year	1	Account	6.262,20	18.786,60	18.786,60	22.050,00
Mailing services	3	Year	1	Team	2.461,94	7.385,82	7.385,82	8.668,80
Webinar services	3	Year	2	Account	268,38	1.610,28	1.610,28	1.890,00
Adobe package	3	Year	2	Account	894,60	5.367,60	5.367,60	6.300,00
Maintenance - Platform	3	Company	1	Year	17.892,00	53.676,00	53.676,00	63.000,00
Development - Platform	3	Company	1	Year	17.892,00	53.676,00	53.676,00	63.000,00
Conference Software	3	Year	1	Account	2.683,80	8.051,40	8.051,40	9.450,00
Audience Engagement Software	3	Year	1	Account	845,40	2.536,19	2.536,19	2.976,75
Video Editing Software	3	Year	1	Account	203,97	611,91	611,91	718,20
Virtual Pad Software	3	Year	1	Account	88,57	265,70	265,70	311,85
Design Software	3	Year	1	Account	91,01	273,03	273,03	320,46
Interprenet (virtual simultaneous translation)	1	Company	10	Webinar	2.000,00	20.000,00	20.000,00	23.474,18
Coffee-Break (AM/PM)	50	Person	6	Day	15,00	4.500,00	4.500,00	5.281,69
Venue	1	Venue	3	Day	3.000,00	9.000,00	9.000,00	10.563,38
Master of Ceremonies	1	Person	3	Day	2.500,00	7.500,00	7.500,00	8.802,82
Simultaneous Interpretation to ENG (Interpreter + Equipment)	1	Company	3	Day	2.000,00	6.000,00	6.000,00	7.042,25
Supplies (Markers, notepads, briefcases, etc.)	50	Person	1	event	50,00	2.500,00	2.500,00	2.934,27
Livestream (Video & audio)	1	Company	3	Day	2.500,00	7.500,00	7.500,00	8.802,82
Promotional Materials (Table Skirt, Banner and Folder)	1	Package	1	event	3.231,20	3.231,20	3.231,20	3.792,49
6. Other costs						38.000,00	38.000,00	44.600,94

General Office Expenses	1	General Services	32	month	250,00	8.000,00	8.000,00	9.389,67
Rent - Office Space - 12 people	1	Area for sp.org	32	month	937,50	30.000,00	30.000,00	35.211,27
Subtotal - direct costs						1.044.829,49	1.044.829,49	1.219.987,66
7. Supporting cost / Administration costs						83.586,36	83.586,36	98.106,05
UNDP indirect cost (8%)	8%	unit	1	unit	1.044.829,49	83.586,36	83.586,36	98.106,05
8. UN Levy						11.284,16	11.284,16	13.244,32
United Nations Resident Coordination Office (RCO) / UN Levy 1%	1%	unit	1	unit	1.128.415,84	11.284,16	11.284,16	13.244,32
9. Own funds / third party financing							-	-
ABC (name of the financing party)								
XYZ (name of the financing party)								
Grand Total - up to -						1.139.700,00	1.139.700,00	1.337.676,06

Annex 2 – Project Proposal

FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE SHARING, LEARNING AND INNOVATION ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

Cooperation GIZ Global Programme “Social Protection Innovation and Learning” (SPIL) and IPC-IG for supporting Socialprotection.org

Background

Social protection has been increasingly recognised as one of the most important aspects of development and a key component in ensuring social, economic and political stability. Over the years, several countries have incorporated the establishment and expansion of social protection systems into their national development strategies to ultimately ensure income security and foster inclusive growth.

In 2020, this trend has become even stronger as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The health, social and economic impacts of this crisis have demanded immediate responses from national governments, which involved the development, adaptation and expansion of social protection systems worldwide. The role of social protection in response to the crisis has quickly taken centre stage in discussions among the international community.

It was made clear that governments need to invest in robust and universal social protection systems to protect everyone everywhere against the major risks and contingencies throughout the life cycle. Moreover, we need to make social protection systems more adaptive and shock-responsive, assuring that everyone, and especially the most poor and vulnerable in our societies, are sufficiently protected in case large covariate shocks hit again in the future.

Besides that, the pandemic highlighted not only the central importance of social protection, but also the need for virtual spaces to exchange and learn from best practices. This year the demand for knowledge-sharing and capacity-building has rapidly increased as policymakers, practitioners and researchers still face significant challenges related to financing, designing and implementing effective social protection programmes.

The **International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG)**¹, a global forum for international dialogue on innovative development policies, have been promoting the production and dissemination of studies and policy recommendations, the exchange of best practices in development initiatives and the expansion of dialogue among developing countries for more than 15 years.

The innovative approaches carried out by the Centre revolve around three pillars: 1) knowledge production: carrying evidence-based research and studies, such as policy analysis and evaluations; 2) knowledge sharing: facilitating the exchange of innovative experiences and initiatives among developing countries; 3) capacity strengthening: providing and facilitating the collaborative construction of capacity-building activities to promote institutional development

¹ IPC-Ig is guided by a partnership agreement between the Government of Brazil, represented by the Ministry of Economy, and the Brazilian Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

in developing countries.

One of the Centre's most important strategy on the pillars of knowledge sharing and capacity strengthening is the **socialprotection.org platform**, a project supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Socialprotection.org was created to meet the global demand for a free, unbranded, member-based online platform to foster a lively and collaborative environment for knowledge exchange on social protection, with a focus on developing countries. The platform benefits from the support of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B) aiming at enhancing coordination and collaboration among international institutions in providing advisory services, especially at country level, when supporting developing countries in improving their social protection systems.

Since its launch, in 2015, socialprotection.org has evolved considerably, reflecting the expansion of social protection policies and programmes worldwide. It now serves as the main platform dedicated to knowledge sharing on the topic among an established community of practitioners. By 31 August 2020, the platform has brought together a network of 6,426 members: an increase of almost 44 per cent compared to the precented year. It currently directs access to more than 6,700 publications, hosts 14 recognized online courses and has organized more than 160 webinars in cooperation with several partners, gathering an audience of more than 16,000 people. The platform also hosts 58 online communities which have been facilitating the activities of working groups, promoting specialized knowledge exchange among policymakers and disseminating information on specific topics.

In March 2020, the platform launched the **joint and collaborative initiative "Social protection response to COVID-19"**, in collaboration with GIZ, DFAT and IPC-IG, to inform and provide updates on the topic, with a focus on showcasing countries responses to the COVID-19 crisis through social protection measures. The initiative had the following major products:

- **23 editions of a weekly newsletter** disseminating different types and format of materials about countries responses on social protection initiatives and COVID-19 to a network of 5,500 subscribers.
- **32 webinars** in collaboration with 26 organizations with experts from the area debating key topics. The sessions had more than 6,000 live attendees and keep attracting thousands of YouTube views.
- **1 Online Community** fostering discussions and exchanges and compiling information on the thematic.

Marking the end of this joint initiative, the socialprotection.org with the support of GIZ, has organised the Global e-Conference: **'Turning the COVID-19 crisis into an opportunity: What's next for social protection?'**. The e-Conference aimed to provide an opportunity for taking stock of, exchanging information about, and facilitating learning on social protection responses to COVID-19. It has also offered a moment for brainstorming about the future of social protection in the context of the pandemic, besides celebrating the achievements of the socialprotection.org platform over its five years of activity.

The e-Conference has received very positive feedbacks. Its collaborative environment has

attracted more than 2,150 registered participants, who could interact with their peers and with experts on a myriad of topics related to social protection. During the 72 sessions organized in collaboration with 55 organizations, more than 180 speakers shared experiences from different countries, on different topics and innovative approaches to improve the capacities of existing systems. The e-Conference has also provided participants with a space for reflection about their personal roles as potential agents of change in their own contexts, focusing on action points to be taken beyond the event.

Hence, socialprotection.org continues focusing efforts on promoting discussions and activities to enhance knowledge sharing on important topics such as adaptive, shock-responsive and universal social protection (USP2030). The main purpose is to provide crucial information to the social protection community, mainly governments and agencies, directly supporting them to prevent crisis and to implement, improve or expand social protection systems, leaving no one behind. Moreover, the platform is working to leverage innovative approaches of remote work and collaboration brought by this crisis, in order to enhance technology-based learning experiences and make the user experience in the platform more inclusive for all.

In line with the socialprotection.org perspectives, the **German Government**, represented by its Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), has commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH with the implementation of the program “**Social Protection Innovation and Learning**” (SPIL). Aware that social protection is a human right (Article 22), an important instrument for eradicating poverty (SDG 1.3) and improving health and well-being (SDG 3.8), as well as a key instrument for implementing the “leave no one behind” (LNOB) principle of the 2030 Agenda, the Global Programme addresses selected social protection challenges that are highly topical and relevant to the implementation of the BMZ strategies and partnerships, and that can particularly benefit from a globally oriented intervention.

Furthermore, the Global Programme serves as a vehicle for bringing together partner countries and international development partners within the framework of various cooperation formats and facilitating joint innovation and global learning. Currently, two thematic fields are envisaged: a) digital management information systems for social protection (especially openIMIS) and b) approaches for crisis-proof and adaptive social protection systems.

In the field of adaptive social protection, the programme offers exchange and innovation measures for partner countries and international development partners. In cooperation with individual partner organisations, new approaches for national implementation are being developed. In this way, the programme supports the political goals of the BMZ in the context of USP2030, with a special focus on the interfaces to climate adaptation, crisis prevention and crisis management. **The importance of social protection in the crisis and climate context has been further underlined by the COVID-19 crisis.**

In addition, the programme acts as a link between the bilateral engagements of the BMZ (Indonesia, Malawi, India) and multilateral investments at the World Bank (Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program), WFP (Sahel Resilience Program) and UNICEF (Building Resilience in the Sahel). The conceptual building blocks generated in these contexts and practical application experience from country implementation will be used by the programme for learning at the global level.

In cooperation with the SPIL programme, important synergies with the socialprotection.org can be established on implementation and dissemination of innovations and learnings. The platform can host broad virtual events and webinars, produce and disseminate relevant materials in different formats, such as online articles, publications and videos, and facilitate collaborative work, playing a particularly important role in making knowledge available worldwide. Thereby, it functions as a virtual hub for sharing best practices in development initiatives, including approaches for poverty alleviation, inclusive growth, crisis-proof and innovative adaptive social protection measures to respond to crises such as the COVID-19, and an important instrument to foster universal social protection initiatives.

This cooperation shall be valid for the January/2021 – August/2023 period, having as described below:

I. Objective, output and activities

The project objective is to build on the socialprotection.org platform capabilities to effectively foster innovation and learning within the framework of the international processes with a focus on adaptive social protection, by the following outputs and activities:

Output 1 - Maintenance, improvement and further development of the unbranded platform socialprotection.org towards satisfying identified member needs

Activities:

- i. Improve the social and learning experience provided in the online communities in face of the new ways of connecting with people and collaborating online;
- ii. Perform general maintenance of the gateway, including, but not limited to, bug fixes and navigation corrections;
- iii. Improve user experience in the platform to satisfy identified member needs, including the notifications system, based on user responses;
- iv. Implement a machine learning system to suggest an accurate classification and search of the content added on the platform according to the existing taxonomy;
- v. Improve the accessibility of the platform, to make it more inclusive for people with disabilities.

Output 2 - Technical assistance in content and knowledge management and learning experiences for the socialprotection.org platform

Activities:

- i. Organize at least 20 webinars in support to GIZ projects, including but not limited to the **Social Protection Innovation and Learning** programme, on topics such as digital management information systems for social protection, approaches for crisis-proof and adaptive social protection systems, including COVID-19 responses;

- ii. Create and support at least 15 innovative and co-creative online learning experiences, such as designing and organising virtual workshops, small learning events and/or online community events;
- iii. Provide simultaneous translation, closed captioning and/or sign language interpretation for at least 10 online learning activities, including webinars;
- iv. Develop at least 4 micro-courses on social protection topics, related to ASP;
- v. Monitor and report statistics related to activities on socialprotection.org.

Output 3: Organization of a series of virtual workshops on innovative measures related to Adaptive SP

Activities:

- i. Organise 4 online workshops on the Adaptive Social Protection 4 Building Blocks, promoting a space for exchange of best practices on building household resilience through social protection and bringing together relevant stakeholders such as, governments, trade unions, international organisations and civil society representatives;
- ii. Coordinate the production of a series of blog posts on the workshops' main outcomes and lessons learned;
- iii. Provide overall support in the organisation of follow-up meetings (online and/or face-to-face) of the online workshops, which will deep dive into specific aspects of social protection programmes of selected countries (potentially Peru, Mexico, South Africa, Malawi, India and Indonesia, and others such as the Sahel G5).

Output 4 – Support the organisation of an International Conference on Adaptive Social Protection and related topics

Activities:

- i. Plan and support the organisation and implementation of an international conference aiming to provide a space for exchanges on lessons learned from innovative measures related to Adaptive Social Protection, including countries responses' to COVID-19 in different regions;
- ii. Promote and showcase the outcomes of the ASP virtual workshops and of the innovative and co-creative learning experiences developed in the context of this project;
- iii. Coordinate the launch of a publication (PIF) on the main outcomes of the conference;
- iv. Produce a video compiling the main lessons learned exchanged during the event for further dissemination.

Output 5 – Promotion and dissemination of social protection initiatives and activities

Activities:

- i. Support the outreach and promotion of initiatives and activities related to social protection, including innovative measures related to country responses to COVID-19 and the USP 2030 Initiative, through the platform different communication channels;
- ii. Support the outreach and promotion of the “Social Protection Innovation and Learning” programme activities, including ASP and digital MIS related initiatives;
- iii. Align with other activities of IPC-IG to identify and maximize synergies for the programme “Social Protection Innovation and Learning”.