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# The role of social protection in enabling rural households to adopt to the changing climate

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# WHY climate sensitive social protection?



“[...] we present evidence on **how observed changes impact particularly** Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and marginalized groups, as women, **people without social protections** and minorities”

## Inclusive climate action

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“Climate resilient development [...] includes [...] sustainable **food systems** that lead to healthier diets [...] and **social protection systems**”



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## Challenges in rural areas:

- Globally, **poor people lose more of their total wealth to climatic hazards.**
  - 76% of the rural poor engage in agriculture
- Around 60% of the total employment in SSA related to agri-food systems.
- Reliance on weather and natural resource dependent livelihoods.
  - **Limited adaptive capacities**



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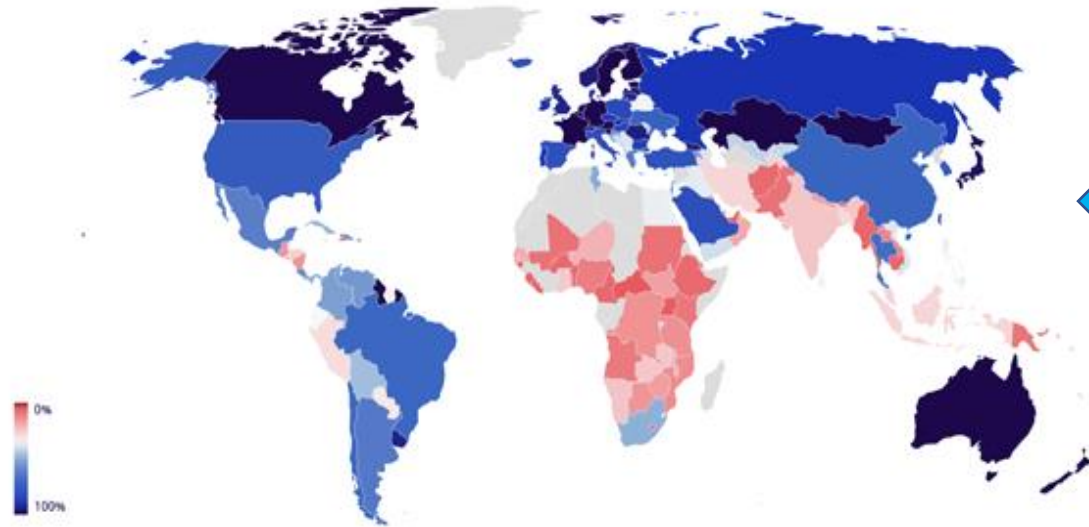
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# Social protection at the **crossroad** of social and climate policies



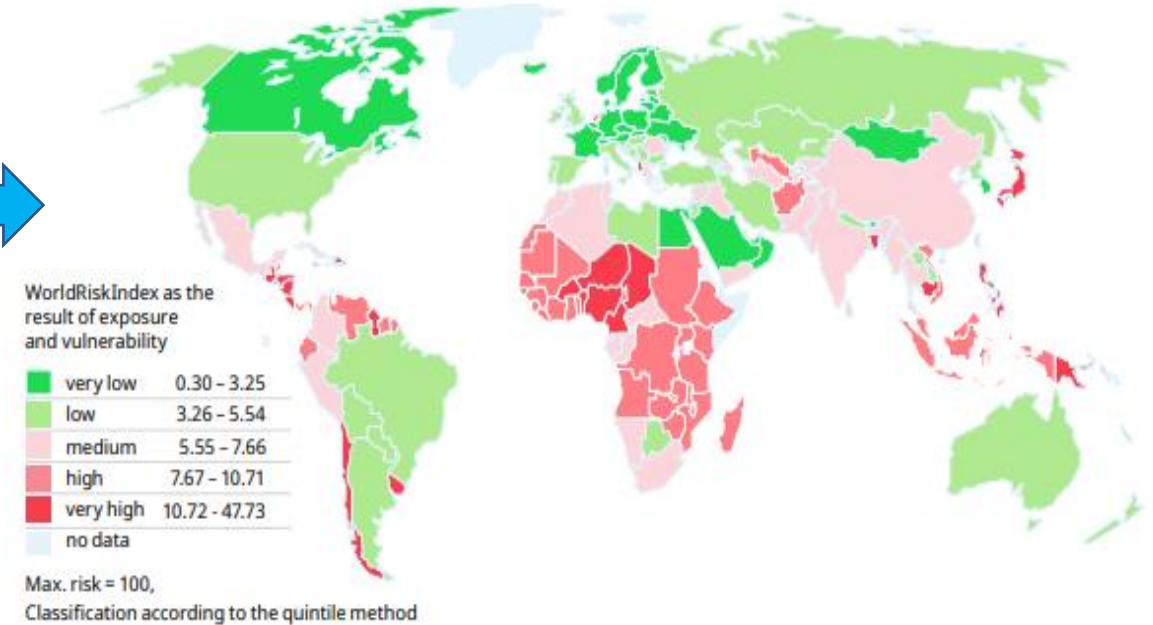
► Figure 19. Social protection coverage around the world (share of the population covered by at least one social protection benefit (in percent), 2021)



The boundaries shown on this map do not imply endorsement or acceptance by the ILO. Last updated on 7 June 2021.

Source: ILO Social Protection Dashboard, 2021.

► Figure 20. World Risk Index<sup>1</sup>



Source: Lambeau et al, ILO, Social protection and climate change (The role of social insurance), 2022

**Climate change risks are higher where social protection gaps are bigger, indicating an objective convergence between the extension of social protection and climate change policies**



# ... but policy coherence remains **weak**.

- **Of 36 NDCs:**  
7 cite social protection at least once
- **Of 35 NAPs,**  
16 cite social protection at least once



- **Kenya NDC**
  - Mitigation: 1
  - Adaptation: 2
- **Kenya NAP**
  - SP mentioned once; insurance a number of times

*...what about Kenya’s National Social Protection Policy?*





# While **evidence** points out that:

- **Ambitious climate action includes social protection**
- **Integrating climate adaptation into social protection programmes, including cash transfers and public works programmes, would increase resilience to climate change (high confidence)**
- **Policy mixes that include weather and health insurance, **social protection and adaptive safety nets**, contingent finance and reserve funds, *and universal access to early warning systems* can reduce vulnerability and exposure of human systems (high confidence)**



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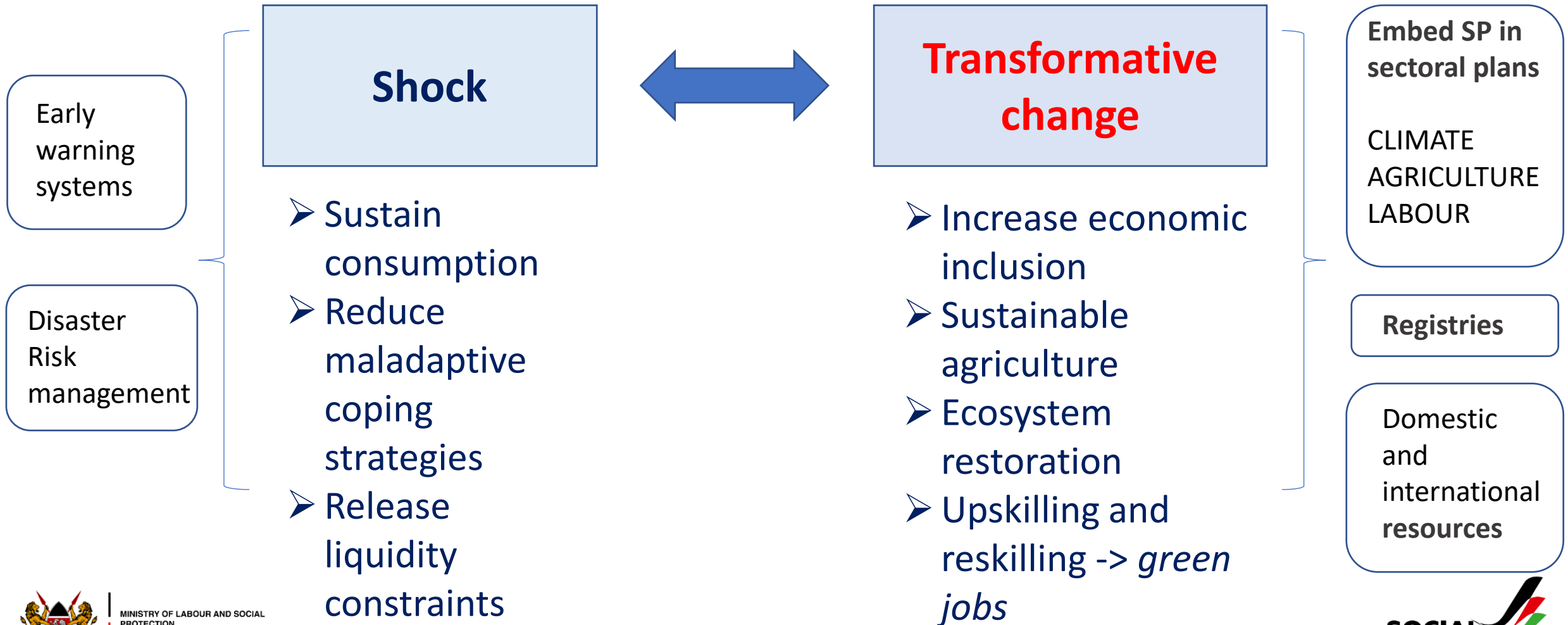
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# The **role** of social protection in adapting to climate



# Best practices

- Ethiopia
- Uganda
- India
- Colombia
- Brazil



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# Zooming-in: the PROEZA programme in Paraguay



## Component I

Targets rural vulnerable households



**Small-scale producers; SP beneficiaries**



## Component II

Sustainable agriculture to generate biogás



**Medium sized producers**



## Component III

Strengthening institutional capacity



- Income generation and risk management
- Diversification of livelihoods
- Economic inclusion
- Increased tree cover
- Sustainable management of natural resources

*Inclusive climate mitigation and adaptation*

# Key take-aways

- Climate adaptation will not be met if inequalities are not addressed
- Social protection is a key policy to support these efforts
- Policy coherence is of essence to meet adaptation goals, but also to ensure a sustained and sustainable economic growth



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