

UPSCALING AND FINANCING SOCIAL PROTECTION

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THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

































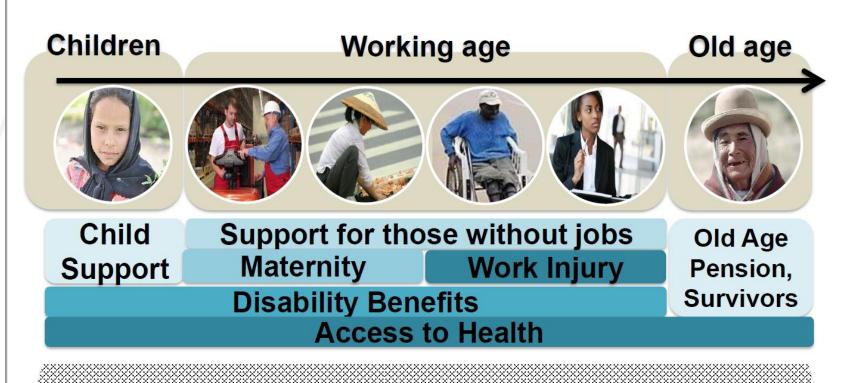








Universal Social Protection SDG 1.3 Social protection systems for all, including floors



Safety nets for the poor

Social Protection Systems in Kenya

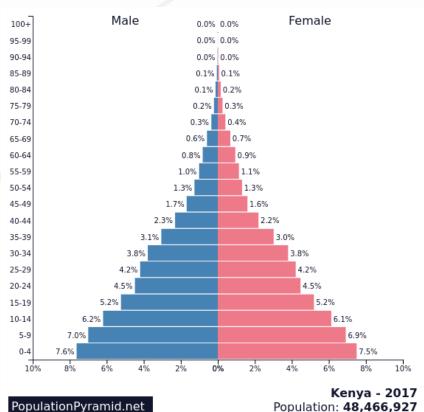
- Public or publicly mandated
 - Public services (health, education (eg FPE), water and sanitation)
 - Social grant programs (OVC, OP,PSD, HSNP)
 - NSSF
 - NHIF
 - Subsidies
- Private/voluntary
 - Voluntary occupational & individual retirement plans
 - Private health care



Plus public/private partnerships

KENYA – Some Relevant Stats





Population: 48,466,927

- Population 49m (est)
- Median age 19.2 yrs
 - <15: 20.7m (42.2%)
 - 15-64: 27.1m (55.1%)
 - >64: 1.3m (2.7%)
- 47% below poverty line
- 75% rural
- Agriculture contribution to GDP - 25%
- Large informal economy
- Life expectancy 64.3 yrs
- Dependancy ratio 81%



Social Grant Programs



- Implemented pilot basis with donor support and scaled across all counties
- For 2017/18:
 - 2% (K Sh 24.2bn) earmarked for social protection
 - Covering 450,000 OP, 503,000 OVC and 45,000 PWD
 - Allocation at K Shs 19.9 bn, against required K Shs 35.8 bn as per MTEF (2016/17 2018/19) (ie deficit of 15.8bn)
 - Cash transfers to 60,000 households with VOC supported by donors to come to an end in 2017/18
 - Government plan to expand its outreach to 685,000 households with orphans and vulnerable children from the current 503,000 households.
- Hence, financing gap between actual allocations and target resource requirements



Upscaling Social Grants



- As an effective means of alleviating poverty and vulnerability
- Current spend of 0.4% of GDP plus support from donors for OVC
- Based on simulations by ILO, estimated cost of:
 - Universal old age basic pension 0.7% of GDP
 - Universal Childrens' beneft 3.7% of GDP
- Assess cost vs social and economic impact
- Continued phase in



Reforming Kenya Pension System



Scheme Type	National Social Security Fund	Public Service Pension Schemes	Occupational Schemes	Individual Schemes
Legal Structure	Act of Parliament	Act of Parliament	Established	Established
			under Trust	under Trust
Membership	Employees in	All public service	Formal sector	Open to all on
	formal sector	employees,	workers in	voluntary basis
	establishments	including civil	companies that	
	with	servants,	operate	
	5+employees	teachers and	retirement	, O
	excluding public	disciplined	schemes	5
	service	forces. Separate		-
	employees	scheme for		
		armed forces		
Funding	Funded	Non funded	Funded	Funded
Regulation	RBA	Act of Parliament	RBA	RBA



Reforming Kenya Pension System

- Reform of NSSF implement NSSF Act, 2013 key priority to improve social security albeit for formal sector and achieve by-product benefits
- Reform Public Service Scheme and create fiscal space
- Pilot micro-solutions for informal sector and organised groups with digital delivery mechanisms and even levels of matching contributions
- Rethink our current pension system!



Quick note on



Affordable health care

Crop and livestock insurance programs and subsidies



Upscaling of SP



- Consider adequacy, affordability, sustainability, robustness
- Determine level of financing and how it will change (credible financial projections/estimates for short and long term)
- How can additional costs be financed?
- Delivery mechanisms



Financing Upscaling



- Earmark taxes (as % of GDP)
- Raise tax revenues as % of GDP through:
 - Widening tax net (and simplifying tax system)
 - Improving efficiency of collection
- Switch expenditure allocations from poorly performing budget allocations
- Use fiscal space from pension reforms, particularly public service pensions
- Review other wasteful expenditure
- Remove fragmentations and duplications
- Innovations

Level of mandatory social responsible investing by ension funds

But above all



Need political will!

And implement low hanging fruits



