Inter Agency Social Protection Assessments - ISPA tools

ISPA tools Regional Training Event

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Social Protection Systems often suffer from fragmentation...

...of social protection systems often produce inefficiencies and duplications as well as hampering accessibility of programs
Social Protection Systems often suffer from design flaws...
Social protection systems and donor support often suffer from... …a lack of coordination
If you are working on things like...

- Assessment of SSN/ SSN diagnostics
- National SP systems
- Strengthening SP systems
- Assessment of ID systems/ Operationalizing IDs
- Emergency cash transfers
- SP Payments platforms
- Strengthening delivery platforms
- Impact evaluation of SP program
- Support nutrition sensitive SSN/ Improving nutrition of SP programs
Most probably ISPA tools may be useful for you....
What are ISPA tools?
ISPA TOOLS

A set of practical tools that help countries to improve their social protection systems by analyzing strengths and weaknesses and offering options for further action
3 sets of practical tools to analyze the performance of social protection **SYSTEMS**, **PROGRAMS** or **DELIVERY MECHANISMS**

- **SYSTEM**: Analyze countries’ social protection system & policies
- **PROGRAM**: Deeper analysis on the different types of social protection programs and branches
- **DELIVERY**: In-depth analysis of different delivery aspects
Constellation of envisioned ISPA tools
ISPA tools currently available and under development

Developed and available in www.ispatools.org

Under development:

- CODI (Core Diagnostic Instrument)
- Social Protection Public Works Programs
- Social Protection Payments
- ID

Under development:

- SPPOT (Social Protection Policy Options Tool)
- Food Security & Nutrition
- Cash Transfers
- Social Registries & MIS
- Social Protection Financing

To be finalized in 2018
To be finalized in 2019
What are ISPA tools?

• Tools that offer you a framework to diagnose your SP systems, programs or delivery mechanisms.

• A structure to create consensus on SP diagnostics.

• An opportunity to promote dialogue between countries and development partners
ISPA tools are not...

- Highly complicated instruments
- Extremely expensive assessment studies
- Questionnaires for impact evaluations
- A mechanism to rank countries
What does and ISPA tool includes?

1. “What Matters” Guidance
   - Lays technical foundation for assessment
   - Provides good practices from international experience
   - Provides instructions to gather information
   - Describes how the assessment is organized

2. Data collection framework
   Gathers qualitative and quantitative information

3. Overview of findings
   Assesses against the agreed criteria on a four point scale

   - Presents the findings
   - Highlights strengths and weaknesses in relation to good international practice
   - Summarizes complex landscape of policies and institutions
   - Provide policy options to be used as jumping off point for future dialogue between stakeholders

Implementation Guidelines
Outlines the process of application of ISPA tools from start to completion
Who can use ISPA tools?

- Potentially everyone, with relevant experience in SP, can apply the ISPA tools.

- Tools are open access – free and available for download on www.ispatoools.org

- Target group: Social Protection Experts from
  - Government institutions
  - International development agencies
  - Academic/research institutions

- Assessment team: typically 2-4 experts with inputs from relevant stakeholders
When to use ISPA tools?

Design

Monitoring

Assessing

WHEN SEEKING TO MOVE FROM FRAGMENTED TO HARMONIZED SP SYSTEMS
Progress on tools applications
More than 60 Applications in 50+ countries
**Completed**
- Vietnam - GIZ
- Belize - UNICEF|UNDP
- Saudi Arabia - WB
- Kurdistan - WB
- Oman - WB
- Myanmar - WB

**In Progress**
- Cabo Verde - WB
- Central African Republic - WB
- Chad - WB
- Kosovo - WB
- Lebanon - UNICEF
- Nicaragua - WB
- Pakistan - GIZ
- Philippines - WB
- The Gambia - WB
- Uzbekistan - WB

**Completed**
- El Salvador - WB
- Liberia - WB
- Senegal - WB
- Tanzania - ILO

**Completed**
- Tanzania - WB
- Indonesia - WB
- Jamaica - WB
- Dominica - WB
- Granada - WB
- Myanmar - HelpAge

**Completed**
- Peru - WB
- Morocco - WB
- Botswana*
- Cote d'Ivoire*
- Guinea*
- Kenya*
- Liberia*
- Nigeria*
- Namibia*
- Sao Tome*
- Sierra Leone*
- Zambia*

**In Progress**
- Togo - ILO

**In Progress**
- Paraguay - FAO
- Cambodia - FAO
- Palestine - FAO

*Implementation in this country was carried out by the World Bank Group's Identification for Development (ID4D) initiative.*
How to conduct an ISPA assessment
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1. PLANNING & PREPARATION

- Circulation with government team and other relevant stakeholders for feedback
- Dissemination www.ispatools.org

2. GETTING STARTED

- Clarify objectives and scope
- Roles and responsibilities
- Prepare TORs for Assessment Team
- Government focal point

3. FIELD VISIT / DATA COLLECTION

- Define Assessment Team members
- Training on tool application
- Desk review – pre population questionnaire (ASPIRE)
- Plan field visit
- Multi agency stakeholder workshop

4. COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT MATRIX

- Validate results with government team
- Multi agency stakeholder workshop

5. COUNTRY REPORT

- Bilateral stakeholder consultations (government, DPs, academics, etc)
- Focus groups (beneficiaries)
- Other relevant actors

TO KEEP IN MIND....

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WHAT TO DO?

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- Training on tool application
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- Plan field visit
- Multi stakeholder orientation meeting

WHO TO INTERVIEW?

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- Other relevant actors

MAIN USERS

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How to? Planning and preparation

- Clarify objectives of assessment & roles and responsibilities of assessment team
- Manage expectations – clear explanation of the strengths and limitations of the ISPA tool
- Agree on the ToRs/ scope of the assessment
- Need for adaptation of the questionnaire according to country context
How to? Getting started

• Set up the assessment team
• Training on tool application (if needed)
• Tailor tool to country context
• **Desk review & pre-population of questionnaire**
• Prepare multi-stakeholder orientation meeting
• Discuss data requirements
• Plan bilateral consultations, field visits, focus group discussions etc.
How to? Data Collection

- Finalize desk review
- Prepare questions for individual stakeholder consultations
- Field visit/In-country work: Bi-lateral stakeholder consultations to validate pre-populated questionnaire and fill gaps
- Site visits, expert interviews, focus group discussions
## How to? Assessment

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How to? Country Report

• Circulation of the draft report for comments to stakeholders
• Presentation and discussion of the report and preliminary findings [multistakeholder workshop]
• Revision and finalization of the assessment matrix and report based on the feedback received
• Dissemination of the report / findings
To keep in mind...

ISPA tools do not replace in-depth sector studies

Cannot be used to ‘rank’ countries

Do not offer a one size fits all solutions

ISPA TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE NOW!
LEARN MORE:

ISPATools.org

Please navigate to the ISPA website, where you can learn more about the ISPA initiative, the ISPA tools, and how to get involved with improving social protection for all.

follow the conversation
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