



Increasing coverage in social health protection: The role of the Social Protection Floor Initiative

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Overview

What is the Social Protection Floor Initiative?

Why do we need the Social Protection Floor Initiative in social health protection?

How to progress towards universal coverage in social health protection through the Social Protection Floor Initiative?

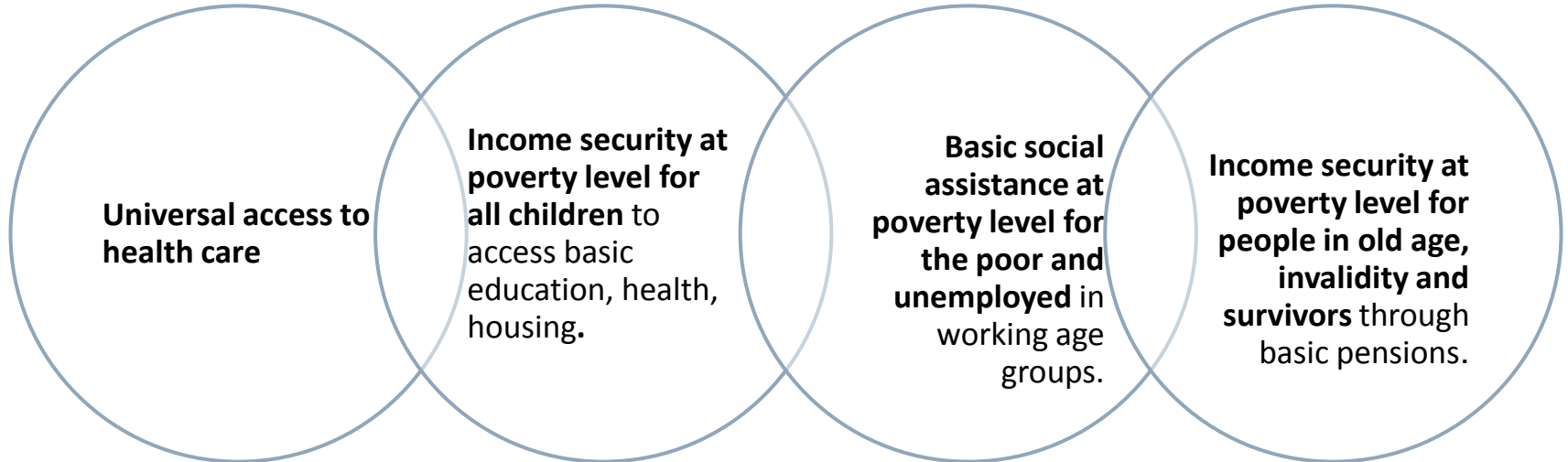


What is the Social Protection Floor Initiative?

Key characteristics

A global framework, shaped at national level

- Proposes a basic set of social rights, services and facilities that everybody should enjoy
- Advises on tools to reduce poverty, ill health and inequality: Services and cash transfers
- Suggests coordination mechanisms at global and national level



- Embedding social health protection into a broader national SPF
- Anchoring policies into values such as equity
- Strengthening policy coherence at national level
- Creating synergies with international health initiatives (P4H and SDH)



Paradigms and principles of the Social Protection Floor approach

New paradigms

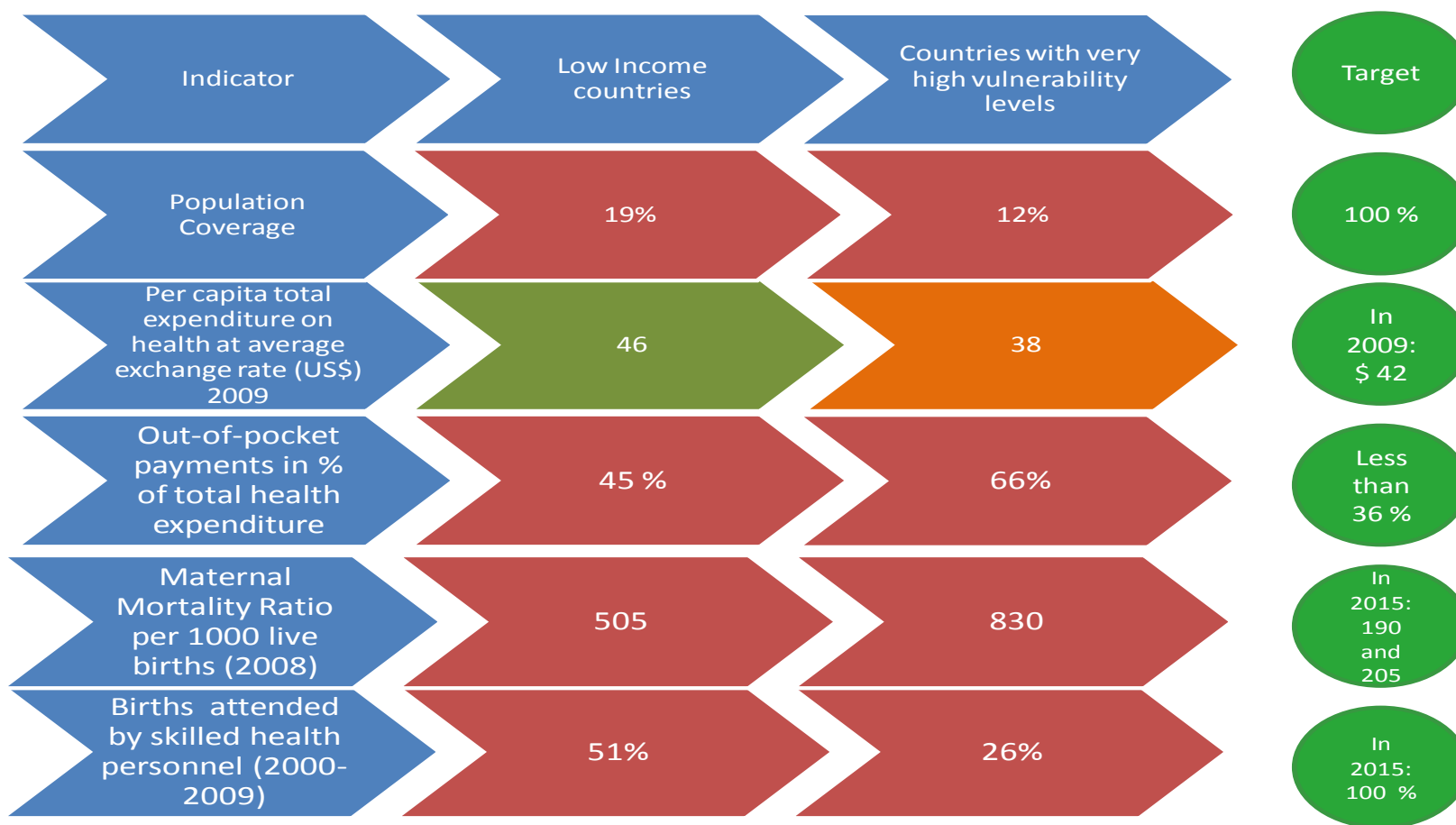
- Social protection – including health – is feasible at any level of GDP
- Social protection is more than redistribution of income : it is creating wealth and health
- Social protection is not just protecting but preventing impoverishment and ill health
- Social protection is not just a national issue but impacting at the global level

Principles

- Combining policy objectives of preventing poverty and protecting e.g. against ill health
- Creating effective health financing and social protection schemes
- Coordinating social programmes
- Creating policy coherence



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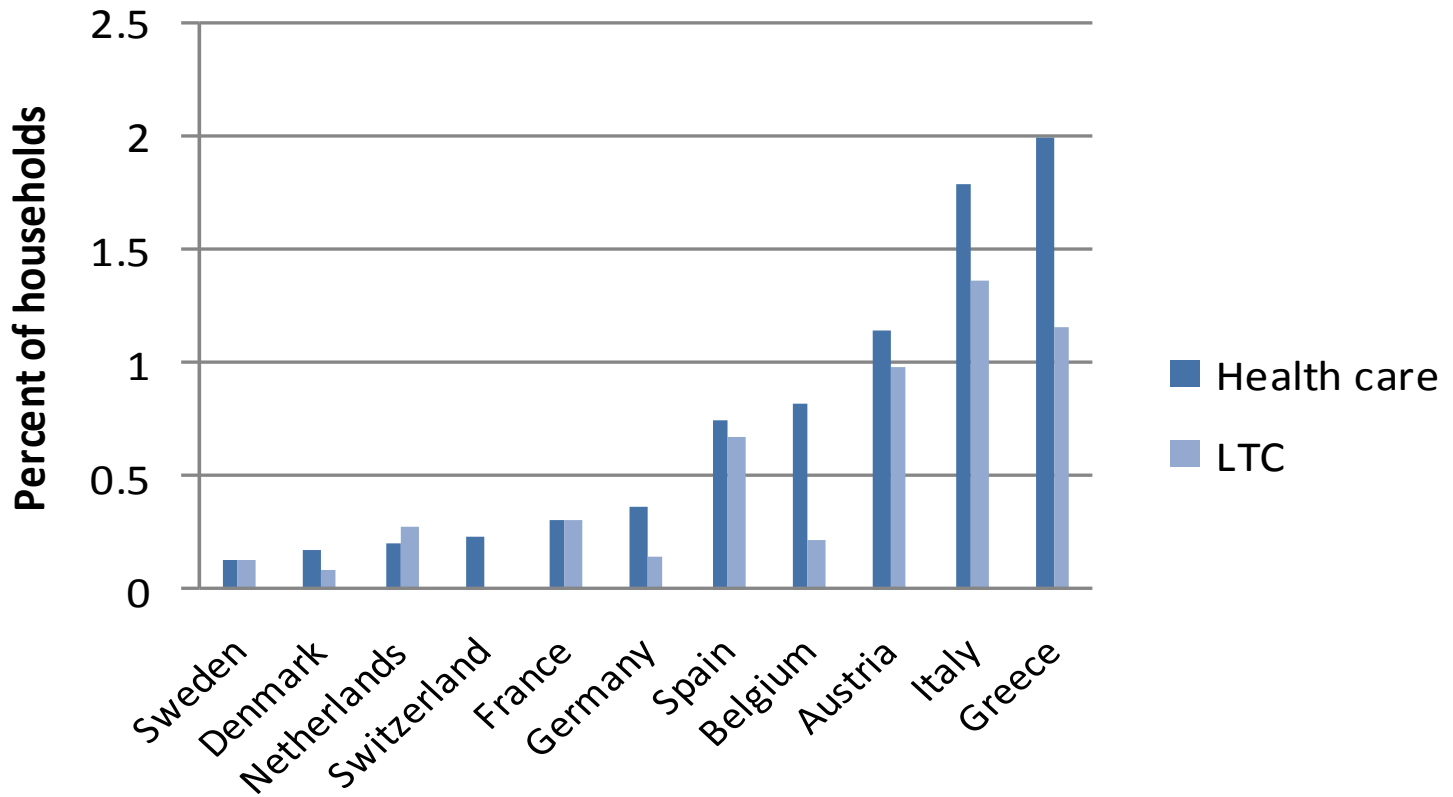


Source: ILO 2011



Financial ruin due to OOP in Europe?

Elderly households in Europe paying more than 100 % of income on OOP for health or LTC expenditure in %, 2004



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What are the key issues in achieving coverage?

National level

Deficits in social health protection

- Gaps in legal coverage for the poor, informal economy workers, rural women, migrants etc.
- Limitations in scope of medical benefits e.g. for NCD
- Deficits in financial protection of OOP

Impacts of the socioeconomic environment

- Macroeconomic context
- Employment, income and poverty
- Performance of social protection systems beyond health

International level

Globalization

Globalization does not lead to equal distribution of growth but to social imbalances

Financial (and other) crises

Impact beyond the boundaries of the financial (respective) sector on the social, economic and health sectors



How to progress towards universal coverage in social health protection through the Social Protection Floor Initiative?

Improving and coordinating health financing mechanisms

- Extending **population coverage** to include e.g. workers in the informal economy
- Ensuring **availability and affordability** of benefits and minimizing OOP
- Institutional development based on **good governance, capacity and participation**
- Linkages and **synergies between health protection schemes**

Developing fiscal space

- Increasing **efficiency and effectiveness**
- Mobilizing **domestic resources** e.g.
 - Scaling up health insurance
 - Developing innovative health financing mechanisms

Creating policy coherence

- **Combining policy objectives** of health protection and poverty prevention/alleviation
- **Mutually reinforcing** health, social, employment, environmental and macroeconomic **policies**
- **Embedding SHP in a broader social protection floor** and understanding social determinants of health



Recent activities in the context of the Social Protection Floor Initiative

At the global level

- Reporting to the G20 Summit Leaders in Cannes
- UN Coordination at global level
- Analytical work
- Capacity building
- Advocacy

At the country level

Selected examples

- **Ghana:** Sustaining funds, reducing OOP
- **Kenya:** Coordination of schemes
- **Burkina Faso:** Supporting a basic SPF
- **Uganda:** Addressing technical issues (regulatory framework, premium setting)
- **Cambodia:** Extending coverage



Thank you!

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