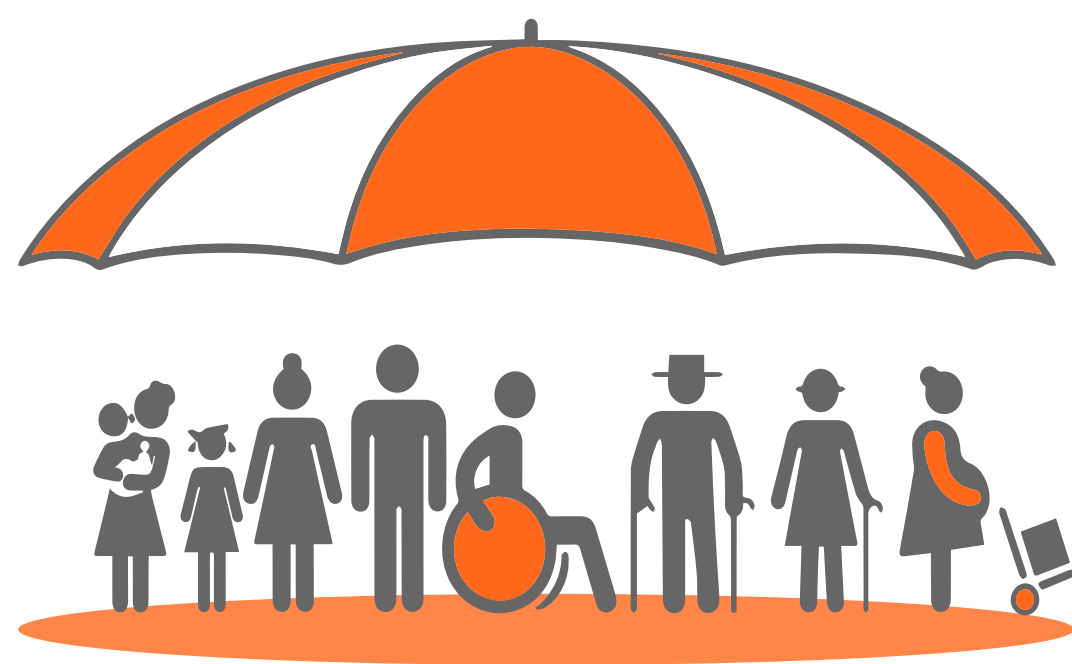


SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS MAPPING

An Interactive Guide to the Systems that Shape Social Protection for Workers in Informal Employment



WIEGO's [Social Protection Systems Mapping Project](#) seeks to better understand how social protection systems – which provide income security, access to services and protection against risks – function in practice, particularly for workers in informal employment. Drawing on global research, policy analysis and the experiences of worker organizations, the project looks at ways to make social protection more accessible and effective for workers in informal employment.

This framework forms part of the mapping project and also builds on the [Social Protection as a 'Solar' System](#) model, developed by Valentina Barca and Juan Gonzalo Jaramillo Mejia, which conceptualizes social protection as an interconnected system rather than simply a set of isolated programmes. The framework aligns with WIEGO's belief that strengthening each part of the system and understanding the relationships between them is essential for systemic change.

This interactive resource highlights four key components that shape how workers access and experience social protection:




1. [FINANCING](#)
2. [GOVERNANCE](#)
3. [REGISTRATION](#)
4. [DELIVERY](#)

The framework aims to support practitioners, worker organizations and policymakers in advancing more inclusive and effective social protection for workers in informal employment.

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Financing




Financing social protection is particularly challenging for workers in informal employment who are self-employed and lack employer contributions toward health insurance, pensions and childcare.

This section explores financing through a series of podcast episodes and a briefing note, which cover innovations in a changing world of work, alternative approaches for waste pickers in India and Argentina, and more.

Podcast Episodes

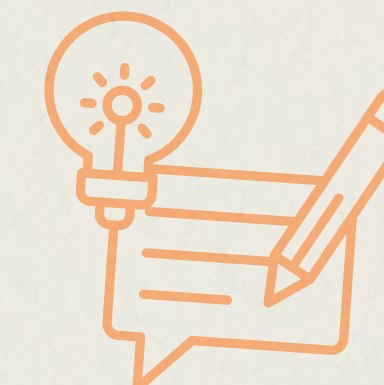
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- ▶ [Financing Social Protection for Waste Pickers in India and Argentina](#)
 - ▶ [Financing Social Protection for Gig Workers in Rajasthan](#)
 - ▶ [Innovations to Financing Social Protection in a Changing World of Work](#)
 - ▶ [Towards a Social Insurance Levy on Capital](#)

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[Challenges and Strategies to Increase Social Protection Financing for Workers in Informal Employment](#)

Governance



Governance includes the rules regarding transparency, participation, accountability and responsibility. The governance of a social protection system affects legitimacy, compliance and, ultimately, the impact of policies and programmes.

This section includes a briefing note that explores the governance elements emphasized in the ILO's Social Protection Floors Recommendation (R202) to understand why they matter in the expansion of social protection for workers in informal employment. Digitilization and social dialogue are among the topics discussed in a series of podcasts.

Podcast Episodes


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- ▶ [Governance and Digitization of Social Protection](#)
 - ▶ [Political Economy of Digital Social Protection in Mozambique](#)
 - ▶ [Governance, Social Protection and Law](#)
 - ▶ [Social Dialogue and Social Protection for Informal Workers](#)

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[Governance and Social Protection for Informal Workers](#)


Registration




Registration is a key building block of a social protection system and involves initiating contact with potential beneficiaries, gathering information on their characteristics, needs and conditions, and recording and verifying that information.

This section examines whether digital technologies are improving access for workers in informal employment or creating new barriers. It explores registration and digitalization in Cambodia and South Africa, as well as challenges faced by domestic workers in Latin America.

Podcast Episodes


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- ▶ [Digitization and Registration In South Africa](#)
 - ▶ [Registration For Social Protection In Cambodia](#)
 - ▶ [Registration Challenges For Domestic Workers In Latin America](#)

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[Registration: Key Concepts, Approaches and Strategies to Include Informal Workers](#)


Delivery




How social protection is delivered to workers in informal employment is the focus of this section, which highlights the importance of accessible systems and the critical role of worker organizations in delivery.

Resources here look at the provision of childcare in informal markets in South Africa, Ghana and Rwanda, healthcare delivery in India, the role of worker organizations, and the provision and delivery of payments and services for workers in informal employment.

Podcast Episodes

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- ▶ [Workers-led Delivery of Child Care in Markets](#)
 - ▶ [Workers-led delivery of Healthcare and Social Protection](#)
 - ▶ [Expanding social security delivery to informal workers](#)

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[Provision and Delivery of Payments and Services for Workers in Informal Employment](#)