

Activities in Africa:

Global and inter-regional

1. Strategies and tools against social exclusion and poverty (1998-2004)

Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor: Belgium

Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection and to the fight against social exclusion

Main activities: Promotion of the values of social justice through a combination of both conceptual and practical work at the different levels: global, interregional, regional, national and local

Main results: Technical cooperation projects implemented in more than 40 countries, development of partnerships with key development agencies, active advocacy role on international scene, production of a comprehensive series of didactical tools.

2. Universitas: Initiative for south-south cooperation through innovation transfer (2003-2003)

Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor: Italy

Objectives: To reinforce the efficiency of local development processes in selected countries through an enhanced use of innovations in the fields of human development and decent work

Main activities: Identify and select innovations on an international scale, promote them in specific countries through leaflets, specific events, website, transfer of innovations through concrete projects of south-south cooperation

Main results: Main initiative's documents produced, process of identification of innovations launched and preparation of first transfer projects.

3. Fight against social exclusion and poverty (2000-2002)

Africa, Europe

Main contributor: Portugal

Objectives: To contribute to the reduction of social exclusion and poverty through direct commitment and participation of disadvantaged groups in local development initiatives

Main activities: Capacity building of NGO's, trade unions, religious and professional associations, and local development agencies, web site, case studies, pilot projects, production of a methodological package

Main results: Case studies focussed on experiences of extension of social protection to excluded groups in targeted countries, methodological and didactical tools produced, portuguese experience in fighting social exclusion documented, methodological package for the fight against social exclusion at the local level produced.

4. Improving clients' experiences with sexual and reproductive health care (2001-2002)

Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor : United Nations Foundation (UNF)

Objectives : To develop a strategic alliance with key United Nations Agencies to work together globally toward the improvements of the quality of sexual and reproductive health care and to conduct joint interventions in selected countries

Main activities : Enhancing collaboration, coordination and networking within and among UN agencies, policy research institutions and NGO's, direct support to selected countries for the implementation of new initiatives aiming to improve the quality of sexual and reproductive health care

Main results : Strategic alliance concluded between UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF and ILO, strategy document sharing effective approaches for achieving improvements of quality of sexual and reproductive health care produced, joint activities planned and conducted in selected countries.

5. Extending the coverage of social security to the poor and the excluded (2002-2003)

Africa, Americas, Asia

Main contributor: The Netherlands

Objectives: To support the countries in strengthening efficiency and increasing equity and in the development of national action plans for extending social security coverage through social dialogue

Main activities: General guidance by a steering committee in charge of assisting implementation of national activities, knowledge dissemination and evaluation of methodology used in the national projects

Main results: Setting up of the steering committee and assisting first implementation activities.

6. Fight against social exclusion (2002-2006)

Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe

Main contributor : Portugal

Objectives : To reduce social exclusion, to increase access to decent work and to extend social protection

Main activities : Studies and capitalization of experiences, production of didactical tools, training activities, dissemination of information and experiences

Main results : Starting phase under preparation, project staff being recruited.

Technical Cooperation

1. Enhancing women's role in improving access and quality of basic and reproductive health care (2002-2003)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Senegal

Main donor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)

Objectives: To enhance understanding and disseminate know how on health micro-insurance schemes as an innovative approach to social protection for families and communities.

Main activities: Technical support to organized women's groups willing to promote their own health micro-insurance schemes, capacity building for women groups to define health services and to negotiate with health providers and support structures, advocacy activities at the national/international levels and networking activities at the regional level

Main results: Adequate technical support to women organizations, associations, trade unions and support structures on implementation, management, monitoring of health micro-insurance schemes through capacity building and empowerment, production of training tools and guides advocacy towards decision-makers and other relevant actors.

2. The "Concertation" between promoters of mutual health organizations in Africa (2000-2003)

West and Central African countries

Main donor: STEP, ANMC, UNMS, WSM, USAID/PHR, GTZ, RAMUS, AIM

Objectives: To support the development of mutual health organizations in West and Central Africa

Main activities: Promote exchanges between various partners involved in the development of mutual health organization at the sub-regional level

Main results: A website (www.concertation.org) providing information on mutual health organizations, a newsletter, a monitoring system of the development of health micro-insurance schemes set up and bi-annual thematic international workshops organized.

3. Development of social protection (2002)

Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome & Principe

Main donor: Portugal

Objectives: To gradually extend the coverage of an up to date and adapted social security system to the whole population

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Legislative framework and corresponding implementation measures formulated - reform proposals applying to executing structures.

4. Development of pilot experiences in the field of social protection extension (2002-2003)

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia

Main donor: France

Objectives: To ensure a wider knowledge and better understanding of how micro-health insurance schemes may efficiently contribute to the extension of social protection

Main activities: Setting up a steering committee in charge of follow-up activities, documentation and knowledge dissemination related to the implementation process of the two pilot projects

Main results: Steering committee organized and assisting first project implementation activities.

5. Social protection for all: training for innovative community-based solutions for sustainable health care financing (2002-2003)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, D.R. of Congo, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal

Main donor: Arab Gulf Fund (AGFUND)

Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection in health through the development of a progressive training cycle to the benefit of promoters of various health micro-insurance schemes

Main activities: Preparation and organization of a training cycle, monitoring of activities related to the various development phases of health micro-insurance schemes, evaluation of training impact and documentation of experiences

Main results: Beneficiaries identified in selected countries, comprehensive set of didactical and impact evaluation tools under preparation.

6. Development and harmonization of incentive legislative frameworks for mutual health organizations (2003-2005)

Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

Main donor: France

Objectives: To encourage and facilitate the progressive extension of social protection in health

Main activities: Establishment of national diagnostics, setting up national working groups of specialists and operators, organization of consulting and training activities in order to define a common framework supporting national strategies of implementation

Main results: Preparation of the implementation phase.

7. Fight against social exclusion in Rodrigues through participatory community development and promotion of income generating activities (1999-2004)

Mauritius

Main donor: United Nations development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: Improve the living and working conditions of the poor segments of the

Rodriguan population and stimulate local economic development

Main activities: Direct support aiming to empower organized communities in the planning and management of their own development initiatives, capacity building at meso level and village authority

Main results: 60 villages benefiting from training activities and technical support in order to achieve full empowerment in the decision-making process related to social and economic local development.

8. Fight against social and economic exclusion (2000-2002)

Gambia

Main donor: United Nations development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To improve the socio-economic status of poor people, targeting women and youth groups and micro and small entrepreneurs

Main activities: Proximity support, capacity-building and advocacy activities to enhance target groups' capacity to develop their own development initiatives and to gain access to technical and financial services

Main results: More than 100 women's groups and 900 micro-entrepreneurs benefiting from training activities and technical support provided by various partner organizations, study on existing social protection mechanisms and potential for the extension of services.

9. Implementation of national social security scheme (2001-2002)

Tanzania

Main donor: International Labour Organization (ILO)

Objectives: To assist government in establishment of comprehensive and sustainable social security scheme

Main activities: Studies, capacity building and policy advice, preparation of draft legislation

Main results: Provident fund converted into pension scheme supplemented by benefits in respect of other risks.

10. Rehabilitation of the Caisse Nationale de Protection Sociale (CNPS) functions (2001-2002)

Cameroun

Main donor: World Bank

Objectives: To promote regular functioning mechanisms and ensure the management autonomy of CNPS

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Improved capacity to extend social protection coverage through a better control of functioning mechanisms.

11. Support to the Caisse Nationale de Sécurité Sociale (CNSS) rehabilitation (2001-2002)

Gabon

Main donor: World Bank

Objectives: To strengthen the social security system and to promote reforms aiming at the extension of services to the informal sector

Main activities : Consulting services

Main results: Improved enrolment and recovery rates – upgraded functioning mechanisms allowing for the design of special schemes targeting the excluded segments of the population.

12. Implementation of national social security scheme (2001-2002)

Sierra Leone

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To provide the structure for a comprehensive sustainable scheme covering both formal sector workers and the self employed with special provision for most vulnerable through social safety nets

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Proposed legislation approved and scheme awaiting further inputs to assist implementation.

13. Development of social security scheme (2001-2002)

Egypt

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To support the Government in the formulation of a new social security scheme

Main activities: Comprehensive review of social security coverage and mechanisms with reports and recommendations on new scheme implementation

Main results: Awaiting decisions by Government on follow-up and implementation.

14. Improving the quality of sexual and reproductive health care (2002-2003)

Mauritania

Main donor: United Nations Foundation (UNF)

Objectives: To improve quality and access to reproductive health care through empowerment of excluded groups and new forms of collaboration between providers and user groups

Main activities: Sensitization activities, promotion of collaborations between user groups and health providers using a systemic approach that accounts for both demand and supply, promotion of health micro-insurance schemes to facilitate access to health services

Main results: National partner organizations identified, training and information sessions on quality of care, reproductive health care... workshops to promote reproductive rights

and the role of organized groups in promoting quality of care, vision paper on improving reproductive health care.

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Main results: National partner organizations identified, pilot projects identified and formulated.

16. Promotion of micro-insurance schemes for women micro-entrepreneurs (2002-2003)

Burkina Faso

Main donor: France

Objectives: To contribute to the extension of social protection for women micro-entrepreneurs

Main activities: Direct support to women micro-entrepreneurs willing to set up their own micro health-insurance schemes

Main results: Various micro-entrepreneurs associations involved in the setting up of micro health-insurance schemes adapted to their priority needs and contributory capacity.

17. Extension of social protection for women (2002-2003)

Ethiopia

Main donor: France

Objectives: To support the government to establish a comprehensive and sustainable social protection system including schemes for the formal and informal sector with particular reference to women circumstances

Main activities: Design of social security scheme for private sector workers and a strategic plan for implementation of this scheme, case studies and feasibility studies related to implementation of health micro-insurance schemes , proposals for the implementation of reforms to improve social protection for women

Main results: National steering committee set up - first detailed work plan under preparation.

18. Improvement of social security governance (2002-2003)

Sudan

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To determine the feasibility of integrating public and private social security schemes

Main activities: Actuarial valuation, study of administration and legislation and preparation of reports and recommendations

Main results: Starting phase under preparation.

19. Extending the coverage of social security to the poor and the excluded (2002-2003)

Mali

Main donor: The Netherlands

Objectives: To support the country in strengthening efficiency and increasing equity and in the development of a national action plan for extending social security coverage through social dialogue

Main activities: Direct technical support in capacity building on social security for main stakeholders, diagnosis on social security provisions, implementation of social dialogue and elaboration of a national action plan.

Main results: First phase of social dialogue process, diagnosis and training on social security.

20. Actuarial study of public service pension scheme for public servants (2002)

Ethiopia

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To provide actuarial valuation of Fund and develop policy options for restructuring scheme and possible extension to other sectors of the labour force

Main activities: Analysis of data for actuarial valuation, development of policy options

Main results: Recommendations for operational reforms and changes in benefit structure.

21. Feasibility of unemployment insurance scheme (2002)

Nigeria

Main donor: International Labour Organization (ILO)

Objectives: To determine the feasibility of setting up a national unemployment insurance scheme

Main activities: Report on administrative feasibility and actuarial assessment of unemployment insurance scheme

Main results: Awaiting policy decision by government.

22. Promotion of reproductive health care for young people in regrouped settlements (2003-2004)

Rwanda

Main donor: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Objectives: To contribute to a wider use of reproductive health quality services and to the improvement of behaviours as regards reproductive and sexual health care

Main activities: Sensitization of organized communities, capacity building training activities, consulting services related to the setting up of health micro-insurance schemes

Main results: First action plan proposal awaiting final approval from main stakeholders.

23. Strategies and tools against social exclusion (2003)

Guinea Bissau

Main donor: Portugal

Objectives: To reduce social exclusion phenomena and to contribute to the extension of social protection

Main activities: Support to local development participatory process, training of local promoters and support agencies, design and production of adapted methodological and didactic tools, development of pilot projects, documentation and dissemination of local development experiences

Main results: Awaiting plan established, local studies undertaken, setting up process of two pilot projects initiated.

24. Strategies and tools against social exclusion (2003)

Cape Verde

Main donor: Portugal

Objectives: To reduce social exclusion phenomena and to contribute to the extension of social protection

Main activities: Support to local development participatory process, training of local promoters and support agencies, design and production of adapted methodological and didactic tools, development of pilot projects, documentation and dissemination of local development experiences

Main results: Action plan established, studies under preparation.

Short-term technical assistance

1. Technical support to the organization of workshops aiming the promotion of micro-insurance schemes - Senegal (2002)

Haïti

Main donor: France

Objectives: To support the preparation and organization of training activities related to the promotion of new micro-insurance initiatives

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Technical support provided to two workshops

2. Technical support to ITC/ILO training programme in the field of social protection extension (2002)

Sénégal

Main donor: France

Objectives: To provide technical assistance to training activities aiming the trainers and promoters of health micro-insurance schemes

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Technical support provided to two sub-regional workshops - technical reference documents produced and disseminated.

3. Analysis of social security development perspectives (2002)

Mauritania

Main donor: International Labour Office (ILO)

Objectives: To ensure the progressive extension of social protection to the whole population

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Comprehensive diagnosis of social protection reforms - Elaboration of a global programme aiming the setting up of a permanent and efficient social protection system.

4. Development of social security (2002)

Namibia

Main donor: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Objectives: To support the design and implementation of a national security scheme providing short term benefits

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results : Policy decisions awaited on proposals for social insurance pension scheme.

5. Development of Unemployment Insurance Fund (2002)

South-Africa

Main donor: ILO

Objectives: To support the development and legislation of the unemployment insurance fund

Main activities: Technical advisory services

Main results: UIF scheme recently extended to domestic servants and seasonal workers and request made for further ILO assistance.

6. Review of national social security fund (2003)

Kenya

Main donor: International Labour Office (ILO)

Objectives: To strengthen NSSF and prepare for introduction of a national social security scheme

Main activities: Guidance on governance, preparation of proposals for conversion to pension scheme and in preparation of draft legislation

Main results: Awaiting policy decision by government.

7. Development of adapted didactical tools for health micro-insurance schemes (2002)

Burkina Faso

Main donor: France

Objectives: To design, test and produce pedagogical tools adapted to the local context and specific needs of various organizations committed to the setting up of their own health micro-insurance schemes.

Main activities: Consulting services

Main results: Pedagogical tools produced and disseminated.