A Three-Dimensional Strategy for Employment Insurance: DOLE's Way Forward

Workshop on Implementing Reforms on the Philippines' Protection from Unemployment Schemes

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Employment Security Policies

- The **State shall afford full protection to labor**, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all. (Article XIII, Section 3, 1987 Philippine Constitution)
- It is the policy of the State to promote and maintain a state of full employment through improved manpower training, allocation and utilization (Article 12-1, Book 1, Presidential Decree 442, The Labor Code, as amended)

Assessment-Based National Dialogue

- The ABND exercise which started in 2014 assessed the social protection system in the country, identified gaps in design and coverage according to the vulnerabilities of the people, explored policy options to establish a Social Protection Floor (SPF) in the Philippines, and estimated the cost of these options.
- The ABND exercise looked at the prevalent social protection system in the Philippines and compared it to the Social Protection Floor (SPF) guarantees and the Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), in order to identify gaps, issues and recommendations.

Assessment-Based National Dialogue

- SPF consists of **four guarantees**:
 - All residents have access to essential health care including maternity care;
 - All children enjoy basic income security (providing access to nutrition, education and care);
 - All persons in active age who are unable to earn sufficient income (e.g. in case of sickness, maternity, unemployment, disability) enjoy basic income security;
 - All older persons enjoy basic income security

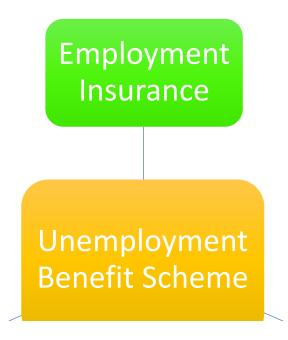
Philippine Situation on SPF Provision

• In the Philippines, social protection legislation provides for several benefits. These existing benefits were compared with the nine contingencies defined under ILO Convention No. 102 (1-maternity, 2-families with children, 3-sickness, 4-unemployment, 5-work injury, 6-medical care, 7-invalidity, 8-death of the breadwinner and 9-old age)

Philippine Situation on SPF Provision

| Provisions of: | | | Target Population in the Philippines | | |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| SPF | Convention No. 102 | | Public Sector | Private Sector | Informal Sector |
| Health | (1) Health care | | Υ | Υ | Y |
| Children | (1) Child/family allowance | | N | N | Y/N |
| | (1) Sickness benefit | | N | Y | Y |
| | (1) Maternity benefit | | N | Y | Υ |
| | (1) Disability benefit | | Υ | Y | Y |
| | (1) Survivor's grant | | Υ | Y | Y |
| Working age | (1) Unemployment | Unemployment insurance | Υ | N | N |
| | protection | Labor market interventions | Υ | Υ | Y |
| | (1) Work-related injury | | Υ | Y | N |
| Elderly | (1) Old age pension | | Υ | Y | Y |

Three-Dimensional Strategy as a Framework



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