

2011 Expert Meeting

Discussion on the country survey template with sub-
regional samples
: Sample for North East Asia

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☐ Program title

- ✓ National Basic Livelihood Security System (NBLSS)

☐ Start year

- ✓ October, 2000

☐ Purpose of the program introduction

- ✓ The Korean financial crisis in 1997 and the ensuing structural reforms led to a rapid increase in the number of poor and unemployed. As a result, an expansion of the social safety net was urgently required. To address the issue, the government enacted the National Basic Livelihood Security Act in September 1999, fully implementing the system in October 2000.

❑ Definition of income support and/or social protection by the program objectives

- ✓ The National Basic Livelihood Security System (hereafter, NBLSS) is a social security program to support the livelihood of low-income families whose income is less than the minimum cost of living and promote their self-support.
- ✓ Two components of NBLSS
 - Provide of basic livelihood security for those in absolute poverty who need protection from the state
 - Realize “productive welfare” by offering self-support programs

❑ Coverage

✓ Target group coverage ratio

- Poor beneficiaries of NBLSS as a percentage of the poor population:

Approx. 31.2%

(Source: Lee, T. (2009) 2009 Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Basic Livelihood Security System: 10 Years after its Enactment, Seoul: KIHASA)

✓ The overall coverage ratio

- Poor beneficiaries of income support scheme as a percentage of the whole population: 3.2%

(Source: MOHW (2009) 2009 Analysis on Beneficiaries of National Basic Livelihood Security System, Seoul: MOHW)

☐ Eligibility criteria

- ✓ In order to qualify as a recipient of the NBLSS, applicant should not have anyone liable to support him or her; if any such liable person exists, that person should either be unable or unreliable to support the NBLSS-eligible recipient.
- ✓ The recipient's income and assets should be below the minimum cost of living annually set by the Minister of Health and Welfare.

☐ No gender specific criteria

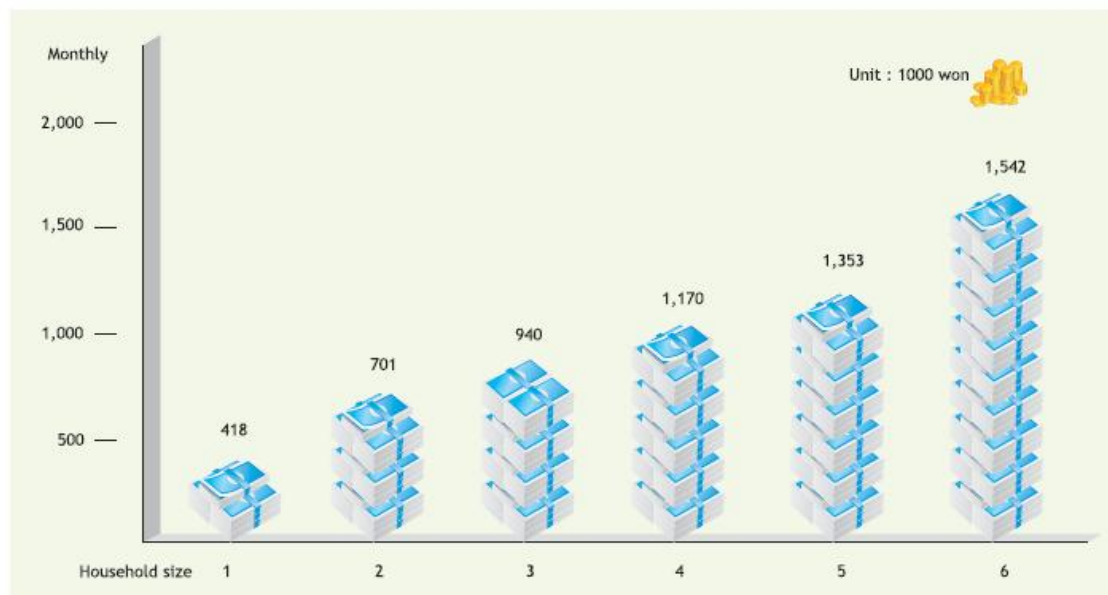
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□ Minimum cost of living set by MOHW as a poverty line

Minimum Cost of Living by Household

(Unit : 1000 won)

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monthly	418	701	940	1,170	1,353	1,542



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