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Social Protection in Arab Region: Leave no one behind

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In 2022, (AFA), in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Foundation, published a [series of papers](#) on social protection drawing from Arab and international experiences (Available in Arabic). In 2023, this cooperation yielded the [Social Protection Guide](#) as part of the Forum's efforts to contribute to the knowledge base on social protection issues, enabling various stakeholders to understand the essence of social protection along with its diverse practices and policies.

The guide looks like a handbook which introduces the Imperative of Social Protection. The slogan "*Leave no one behind*" has become central to contemporary discourses on social protection, adopted by both international institutions and national policymakers. This underscores the necessity of examining social protection through multiple lenses theoretical, conceptual, and practical (e.g., program design and policy implementation). The urgency of this approach became evident as neoliberal policies failed to address structural economic crises and their social repercussions, a phenomenon transcending national boundaries, albeit with varying degrees of severity. Crucially, social protection must be understood as a *catalyst* for rather than a substitute for social justice.

This handbook aims to contribute to the *knowledge ecosystem* on social protection, equipping stakeholders with:

1. Conceptual framework : Definitions, linkages to adjacent frameworks (e.g., social justice, inclusion), and political economy analyses.
2. Policy literacy: Tools to critically evaluate programs and their intersections with systemic crises (inequality, gender justice, climate vulnerability).
3. Advocacy capacity: Evidence-based recommendations to enhance program efficacy.

This Guide designed for:

- Researchers and civil society practitioners working on social protection.
- Trainers seeking to disseminate knowledge/skills within their networks.

The handbook functions as both a reference text and training manual, combining theoretical foundations with applied skill-building (e.g., policy analysis, advocacy framing).

Methodological Framework used in this guide developed through:

1. Primary research: Case studies.
2. Curated resources: background papers, accumulating knowledge generated by AFA publications, and international reports (ILO, UNDP).

this training manual was developed through the collaborative efforts of 12 Specialist Researchers who contributed to Background policy papers, Arab case studies (Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Iraq), and analyses papers of international models (Germany, Sweden, Cuba, South Africa). Also 8 Expert Reviewers comprising Leading Arab social protection practitioners, Economic policy specialists from multiple Arab states includes Gender and climate justice scholars.

Structural Overview

- ❖ Chapter 1: Conceptual Foundations
- ❖ Chapter 2: Regional Case Studies
- ❖ *Critical analysis of six Arab contexts:*
 - Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan (rentier economies)
 - Tunisia, Morocco (reform experiments)
 - Iraq (post-conflict challenges)
- ❖ Chapter 3: Global Experiences and Models
- ❖ Chapter 4: Intersectional Dimensions
- ❖ Conclusion: Comparative analysis.

This training manual provides a comprehensive framework for understanding and advocating for universal social protection systems in the Arab world. By examining core principles, regional challenges, and international best practices, it equips stakeholders with the knowledge and tools necessary to Strengthen Advocacy by Promote rights-based, inclusive social protection policies that address structural inequalities. Enhance Program Design Identify gaps in existing systems and propose reforms aligned with international standards. Center Marginalized Groups – Ensure programs prioritize the most vulnerable, including women, informal workers, refugees, and persons with disabilities.

To download the full text of the Guide in Arabic, you can visit the following link:

<https://is.gd/kdfF1M>



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