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# PEPs in History







# What has changed

Slave, forced and compulsory prison labour Discrimination and unequal pay

International Labour Conventions Role of women and equal wages Capital intensive equipment Attitudes: towards wars, inequality, poverty and decent work World more interconnected and volatile But need for large scale employment remains

# Developments & Emerging Challenges in PWPs

Rightsbased approach

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## **Spectrum of Public Employment Programmes:**

# **Challenges in differences:**

- Definitions from Perspectives
- Sources of funds
- Multiple objectives
- Design features

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# PEPs are often defined by multiple objectives and theoretical underpinnings :

- Employment (for participants)
- Income security (for participants)
- Public and/or social goods, services, assets
- Rehabilitation and protection of environment in response to crises (natural or man-made disasters, post-conflict and climate change adaptation)
  - 1. How do these outputs contribute to Social Protection?
  - 2. How can be PEP be designed to maximize this contribution?

 The starting point has important impact on the form the programme ultimately takes

# "Context breeds hybrids" Platypus

(Real Animal from Australia)



The bizarre appearance of this <u>egg-laying</u>, <u>venomous</u>, <u>duck-billed</u>, <u>beaver-tailed</u>, <u>otter-footed</u> <u>breastfeeding animal</u> baffled European naturalists when they first encountered it, with some considering it an elaborate fraud

	Social Protection	Employment	Delivery of Infrastructure, Services
Macro Objective	Provide security and Protect vulnerable groups against shocks	Reduce Un- and underemployment/ Full employment	Contribute to national/local growth
Intermediate Objective	Provide a minimum transfer or income security to those defined as in need	Mobilize surplus labour for productive activities	Public investment in infrastructure or delivery of services
Mechanism	Provide minimum level of income	Create employment as required	Improve connectivity and access through infrastructure or services through labour intensive methods
<b>Operational Focus</b>	Guarantee Income	Create work	Create assets and services

### Contribution of PEPs to SPF



# Higher levels of protection

#### NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

basic income

security for

persons in old

age



#### NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOOR: nationally defined basic social security guarantees

access to essential health care including maternity care



basic income security for persons in active age unable to earn sufficient income

Social Security for All

can be achieved through different means, including through employment guarantee and other public employment schemes

ILO Social Protection Floors Recommendation, adopted by the International Labour Conference, 2012

#### KEY PRINCIPLES:

- Universality of protection, based on social solidarity
- Progressive realization
- Adequacy and predictability of benefits
- Entitlements to benefits prescribed by national law
- Non-discrimination, gender equality, responsiveness to special needs
- Respect for rights and dignity
- Transparent, accountable and sound financial management and administration
- Financial, fiscal and economic sustainability
- Coherence with social, economic and employment policy



### The social protection staircase





# PEP: One policy option to address particular risks experienced by working age population

PEP

- Life cycle
  - Before working years
  - During working years
  - After working years
- Risks/events
  - Poverty PEP
  - Unemployment, underemployment, non remunerative employment,...
  - Maternity
  - Disability
  - Sickness

PEP



### Comparative advantages and weaknesses PEPs in SP policies

### **Advantages**

- Public and political acceptance
- Contribution to setting labour rights
- Ability to reach poor and informal economy workers: good possibility to use self-targeting (low cost, effective)

### Weaknesses

- Multiplicity of objectives: comparative advantage in theory but potential trade-off between objectives in practice
- See below
- Delivery challenges: to be effective
   require good institutional and administrative capacities (planning, execution, supervision, etc.)
- Affordability/costs: High variability according to features (short term programmes, employment guarantee, etc.)
- Adequacy of protection of beneficiaries: strongly influenced by design and implementation, limited effect on long-term economic and inclusion of beneficiaries (link with other policies)

# <ey design issues

•Universality and coverage - Providing regular and predictable work - Guarantee a minimum of WD (income)
•Providing minimum income support to the working population
•Targeting: use of a combination of

targeting: use of a combination of targeting mechanisms (working age, households, poor, vulnerable, unemployed)
Promote specific conditions of work (DW, flexible working hours, special crèche facilities)

•Wage rates, poverty lines, minimum income levels, opportunity costs and net wage gain

 Social auditing & complaints mechanisms to ensure accountability
 Maximizing employment content of sectoral investments
 Useful and productive works
 Access to basic services and needs
 Disaster risk management and climate proofing infrastructure
 Quality of assets, services and maintenance
 Employability – beneficiaries, workers and entreprises
 Transparent and comprehensive employment impact assessments







Programme	Expenditure (millions USD) for given year	Expenditure as % of GDP	Nr of work opportunities	Work opportunities as % of Labour force
NREGA (India 09/10)	7 587	0.46%	52.6 million	9.7%
PSNP (Ethiopia 08/09)	360	1.2%	1.5 million	4.8%
EPWP (South Africa 09/010)	3 952	1.1%	643 000	2.8%
KKV (Kenya 09)	43	0.12%	300 000	
CfWTEP (Liberia 09)	1.5	0.17%	8 500	0.8%*
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Kosovo 2010 (projected)	3	0.1%	5 000	0.6%
FAIMO (Cape Verde)	10.8 (1998), 19.7 (1992)	Between 2% (1998) and 5% (1992)	15 000 to 20 000	11.5% (2000)

### Innovations and Synergies





# **Innovations in ICT**



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#### National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)

#### Muster Roll

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# Innovations (India)









# CWP(South Africa)



### Better access and security (Nias, Indonrsia)







## **Different kinds of work**

#### Male-Female (USA 1942) by Jackson Pollock

Worked as an artist for the Works Progress Administration (new Deal) from 1938-1942





# The American Guide Series

The Federal Writers Project was a WPA program that employed authors, playwrights, and poets between 1935 and 1943. The project used more than 6,000 writers to produce travel guides for each of the (then) 48 states as well as the District of Columbia. Each book in the series described the state's geography, history, and culture and was filled with maps, drawings, and pictures.



#### Murals in Harlem Hospital in New York (1935), recently restored

### Towards the right to work

- The Employment-Intensive Investment Programme promotes:
  - an integrated approach promoting core ILO values
  - has the tools and instruments to deal with macroeconomic and policy issues
  - has more than 40 years of extensive operationally tested experience
  - generates productive employment, infrastructure, assets and services
- More jobs can be created through public investments and employment programmes, offering predictable and stable job opportunities through national scalable employment guarantees, offering income security

#### An equitable / inclusive growth policy for long-term sustainable development

Innovations in Public Employment Programmes (IPEP) EIIP – The ILO Employment-Intensive Investment Programme

### Technical and Financial portfolio



- EIIP: A demand-driven programme informing, influencing and implementing policy
  - An ILO technical cooperation portfolio close to US\$ 120 million
  - Member States buying ILO's services almost 35% in last biennium sourced from national budgets
  - Working in 45 countries
  - Strong demand for labour-intensive infrastructure programmes to combat structural decline of employment intensity of growth
  - Strong demand for setting up scalable employment / social protection schemes in response to different crises (financial, jobs, food, youth, post-conflict, natural disasters, etc.)

# Advocacy and Conferences

#### Workshops

- ILO-ITC Open courses held once a year since 2010
  - As 21-module training on Designing IPEPs: Mitigating a Jobs Crisis
  - As part of the Social Security Academy
  - As part of the National Employment Policy course
  - As part of Green Jobs
- Regional collaboration
  - Costa Rica University of Costa Rica
  - South Africa University of Cape Town (Mar 2013)
  - Indonesia Green Works and PEPs (Nov 2011)
- South-South learning and knowledge sharing event with IFIs and donors interested in this type of schemes
  - Climate Change and DW in Austria (Nov 2012)
  - IBSA Workshop in India (Mar 2012)
  - Climate Justice (Mar 2012)
  - WB SSN in LICs in Addis (May 2011) and Arusha (Jun 2010)
- Country-level collaboration
  - Philippines (November 2013)
  - Kenya Youth Employment in Sustainable Development (Nov 2012)
  - Brazil (Sep 2012)
  - Egypt (April 2012)
  - South Africa Community^Works Programme (July 2011)

# **Comments on the IPEP course**



- "A very useful training for countries confronted with unemployment problems"
- "It was very informative"
- "All aspects of the training experience were of excellent quality"
- "I will apply what learned in contributing to the ongoing policy
- discussion on public employment programmes taking place in my country"
- "The course will help me designing a new PEP in my country"
- "Great course! We have created a community and we can interact with each other from now on"

Infrastructure investments constitute a rare "win-win" instrument that generally boosts overall economic productivity, social development, increased equality and environmental protection in the long run, and able to create jobs both in the short and long term. Given the current employment challenges and excess construction capacity in many countries, this opportunity should be capitalised upon.

