



# Financing social protection to achieve 40% coverage in Africa

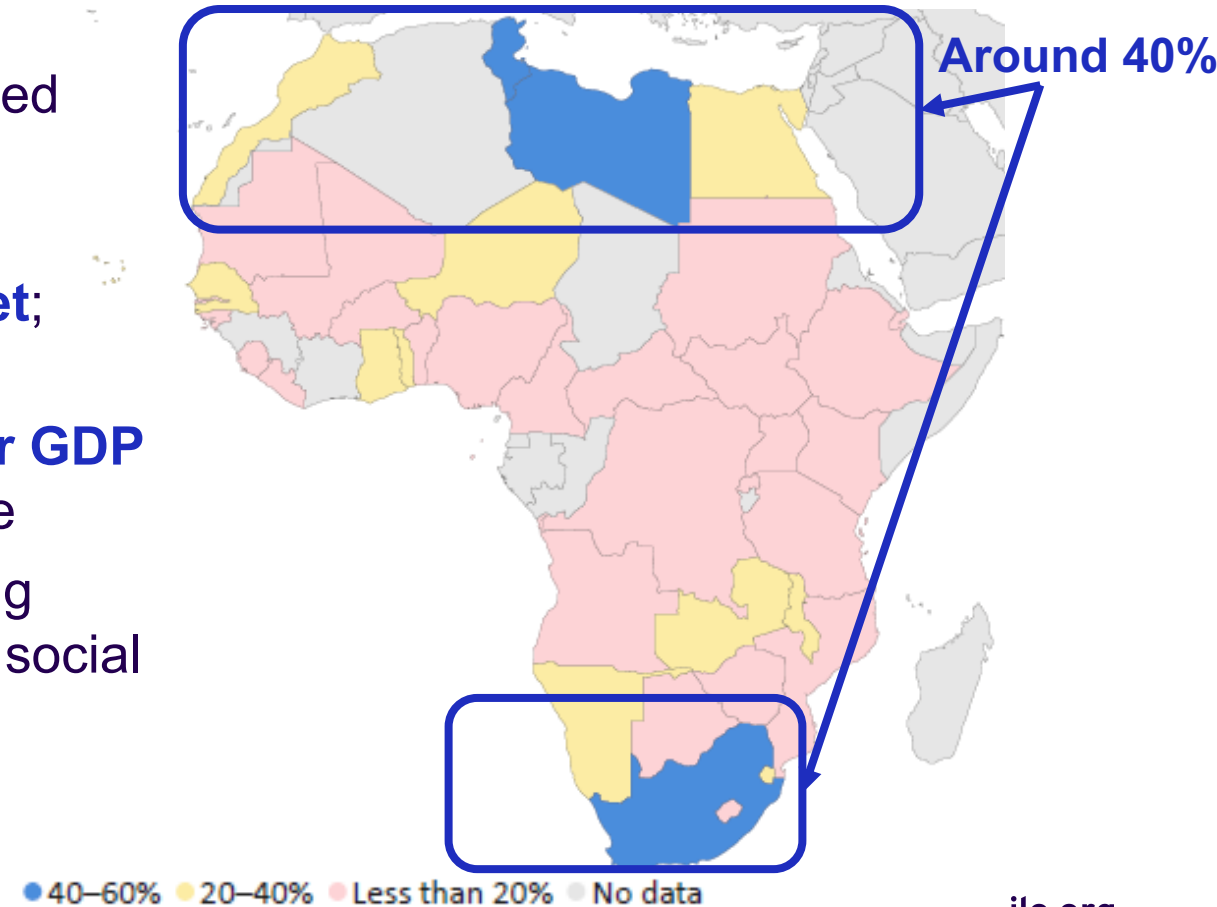
Launch of the Regional Strategy for  
Accelerating Social Protection in Africa

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# Coverage gaps linked to financing gaps

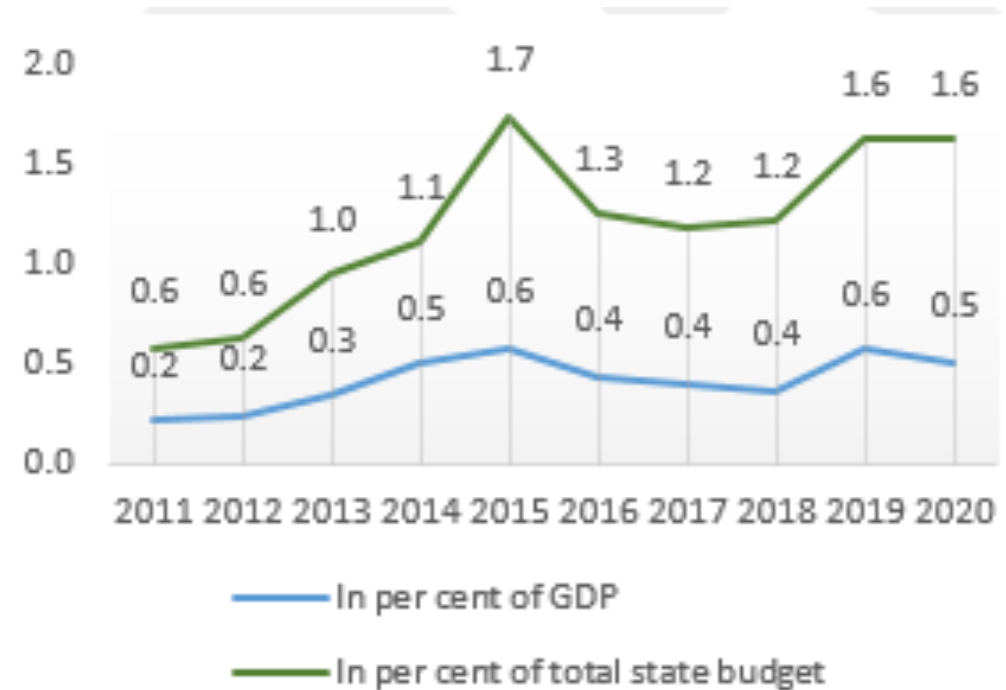
- ▶ In Africa **83.6 percent** of the population are excluded from social protection and **76.3 per cent** are not affiliated to health care schemes
- ▶ Some countries are **close to the 40 percent target**; others are lagging behind
- ▶ African countries invest today **5.8 per cent of their GDP** on social protection including access to health care
- ▶ They should add 8.2 per cent, to close the financing gap, or **multiply by 2.5** their current investment in social protection



# Domestic resources for social protection

- ▶ Assess financing gaps and **financing options**
- ▶ Improve **governance and compliance** (inspection, digitalization)
- ▶ Expand social security coverage to workers and enterprises in the **informal economy**
- ▶ **Reallocate** public expenditure (fuel subsidies)
- ▶ **Conduct tax reforms**
- ▶ Work with **Ministries of Finance**, INFF processes; make use of South South learning

**Example: Increasing fiscal space for social protection in Mozambique**



# International solidarity

- ▶ **Technical and financial assistance**
- ▶ **ODA commitments**
- ▶ **Complement (not replace) and support** domestic resource mobilization efforts for long term sustainability
- ▶ **Enabling environment:** Debt service suspension, SDRs...
- ▶ **A common roadmap** for greater coherence

## Example: Share of the social protection budget financed domestically in Kenya

