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**INCLUSION, INTEGRATION
AND TRANSFORMATION:**
Social Protection for Persons with
Disabilities in the SADC



WHY the need for a statement on inclusive Social Protection?

- ◆ 15% of world's population has a disability
- ◆ More and more countries are developing SP systems
- ◆ Many do not address disability, or address it in a manner antithetical to inclusion
- ◆ SP very important for People with Disabilities

- ◆ Series of meetings of wide range of stakeholders in 2015-2016
 - ◆ Exchanged info on current research
 - ◆ Consensus building on key issues
 - ◆ Consultation with UN special rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities report on social protection
 - ◆ Generating ideas for studies and research

- ◆ Development of core document to outline key issues and move towards inclusive social protection systems

- ◆ Current draft circulating and open for comment

- ◆ Greater exposure to risks and vulnerability
 - ◆ Poverty and unemployment
 - ◆ Lack of access to services
 - ◆ Higher risk of violence, abuse and neglect
 - ◆ Combines with other characteristics like gender and age to create greater disadvantage

- ◆ People with disabilities have additional, specific needs
 - ◆ Inaccessibility of existing services
 - ◆ Physical and Informational
 - ◆ Assistive devices and/or personal assistance
 - ◆ Rehabilitation services

- Moving from charity model to rights based model, as consistent with the CRPD
- Social Protection as a way to promote inclusion, not just as a safety net

Disability determination should not be linked to ability to work.

Social Protection programmes for people with disabilities should cover the **extra costs** of disability and address specific **barriers** to participation in order to **augment** general Social Protection programs that provide income security for all people who are not able to secure their livelihoods

- ◆ Ensure income security and provide for basic needs;
- ◆ Ensure coverage of disability-related extra cost and needs;
- ◆ Ensure effective access to needed health care; and
- ◆ Improve access to services, such as education, public transportation, support to employment and livelihood generation , as well as child care and child protection services.

Track 1: All SP programmes designed, implemented and monitored to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities

Track 2: Develop adequate disability-specific programmes that may be necessary to provide the support and benefits required by persons with disabilities that are not met through a mainstream programme

- Rights-based approach to full and effective participation
- Non-discrimination
- Accessibility (Physical and Informational)
- Respect for dignity and personal autonomy
- Adequacy of benefits and supports
- Monitoring and evaluation

- ◆ Finalization of the joint statement and endorsement
- ◆ International technical meeting with social protection experts from different agencies to review how to go forward.
- ◆ Need to engage further with WB, OECD, regional development banks
- ◆ Identify countries in which we can have joint involvement to support development or reform of social protection system
- ◆ Discuss how best to support disability inclusion in the currently ongoing processes and how to gather the lessons from this

Social protection is not charity, it is a societal commitment to full inclusion as a member of society for everyone



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