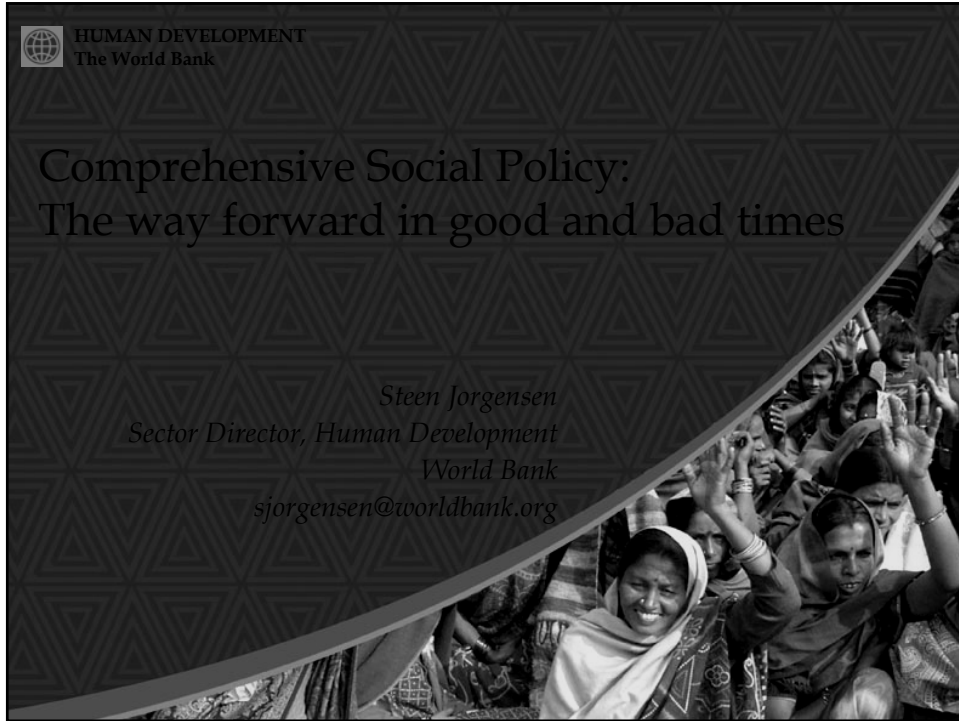




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Comprehensive Social Policy: The way forward in good and bad times

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Why Comprehensive Social Policy?

- Never so many opportunities
 - Globalization of ideas, capital, markets open
- Never so many risks and threats
 - Globalization
 - Weather
 - Disease
 - Conflict/crime
 - Inequality (80/20) world
 - Triple F crises: Food, Fuel and Finance.

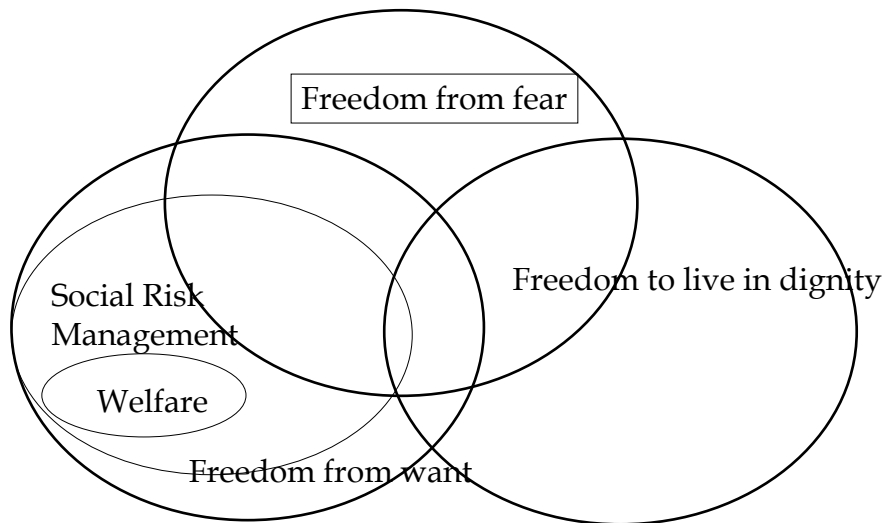
The World Needs Hope

- Without hope – no development
- Without hope – conflict – nothing to loose
 - Woman in Bangladesh
 - Young man in Middle East
 - Farmer in Bolivia
 - Child in Zambia
- 1 billion on less than \$1 per day
- 2.4 billion cook their daily meals using wood, dung, or other biomass fuels
- First the food and fuel crisis
- Now, financial crisis

What is comprehensive social policy

- Based on notion of social justice – it is fair in a global sense?
 - Equality of outcome, equality of opportunity
 - Who caused climate change?
 - Where did the food crisis start?
 - Where did the financial crisis start?
 - Who is suffering?
- It is comprehensive?
 - Beyond notions of welfare, beyond notions of health, education and social protection, to cover social justice aspects of all policies.

Expanding Vision of Social Policy



How implement?

- National Level:
 - Social guarantees:
 - Chile, other Latin American countries: Every citizen has the right to a set of social services
 - India: Employment guarantees
 - South Africa: Constitution
 - Many countries: Services to citizens, importance of well-functioning safety nets
 - Increasing importance in crisis
 - Implementation through legal rights
- Globally:
 - Do we need a new deal? Climate change adaptation – is this a model?

What Must be Changed? Activities

- Health, education and social protection:
focus on equity outcomes in terms of
access and quality – improve process to
recognize citizen rights and
responsibilities
 - Subsidiarity principle
 - Conditional and unconditional transfers

What Must be Changed? Activities

- New areas of Social Policy
 - LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR
 - Security of tenure, land rights, property rights
 - Supporting and integrating the informal sector
 - Access to justice/rule of law
 - Improved dispute resolution systems
 - POLICY & INSTITUTIONAL REFORM TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICES
 - Social policy dimensions of infrastructure and utilities
 - Local governance and social accountability
 - Rural institutions
 - Fiscal policy
 - CLIMATE CHANGE

Consistency with other normative frameworks

- Human Security
 - Freedom from fear, want and to live in dignity
- International human rights framework
 - Universal with progressive realization
- Recent publications from e.g.
 - Economic Commission for West Asia
 - Economic Commission for Africa
 - UN-DESA

What will the World Bank do

- Continue to fund health, education, social protection, water and other sectors essential to comprehensive social policy
- Support countries to address effects of crisis in a comprehensive manner
 - Including preparing for the next crisis
 - Assistance doubled this past fiscal year
- Learn more about rights-based approaches and work with agencies who follow such approaches
 - (e.g. work with ILO on labor rights, OECD DAC Human Rights Task Team)
- How can we work together to reduce poverty and support human rights?



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Thank you

