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WFP's Work in Enabling Social Protection Around the Globe

Highlights of the World Food Programme's Contributions to Social Protection in a New Normal

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WFP's Contributions to Social Protection

Through a collection of 10 country examples, we unpack how WFP's long-term support to governments enabled better coverage, comprehensiveness, adequacy and quality of social protection in a year faced by unprecedented challenges to development.

Highlighting experiences from Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Africa, Western Africa, Southern Africa, the Middle East and Asia, we focus on five areas of work that we believe have merited particular attention in the last year.

Building social protection systems in fragile contexts



Inclusive social protection to leave no one behind



Shock-responsive social protection



Enhancing the food security and nutritional impact of social protection



Digital advisory and solutions services



10 Things You Wish You'd Always Known About Shock-Responsive Social Protection

Everyone hopes that 'shock-responsive social protection' will produce better results for people in crises, and that it will also save themselves time and energy. But what is this magical idea?



What Factors Would Enable Social Protection Systems to be More Responsive to Shocks?

In 2020, WFP and Oxford Policy Management joined forces to implement a regional research programme on Shock-Responsive Social Protection in the Caribbean.



Why Does Food Security and Nutrition Matter in Social Protection Responses to Systemic Shocks in the Southern African Region?

Comprehensive and integrated social protection systems can enable and ensure food security and nutrition in times of crises.



Social Protection and Climate Change

Given the uncertainty around the impacts of climate change, social protection represents a key form of 'low regrets' investment, where it balances the dual role of supporting poverty alleviation and addressing vulnerability to climate change.



Overcoming the Food Security and Nutrition Roadblocks in Social Protection Responses to COVID-19

A high-level panel of experts was convened by WFP as part of the socialprotection.org-hosted e-Conference "Turning the COVID-19 crisis into an opportunity: What's next for social protection?"

A video blog Watch the event



Partnering to Scale-Up School Health and Nutrition in the COVID Era

The closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic put at risk the futures of millions of children globally, affecting not only their ability to learn, but also their access to nutritious food and health support schemes.



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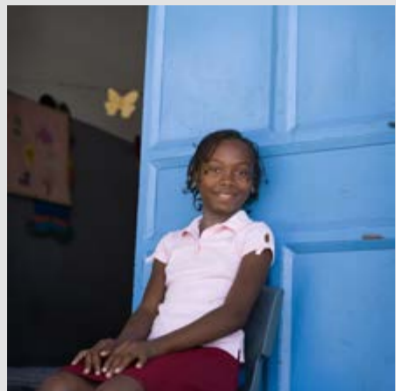
WFP'S WORK IN ENABLING SOCIAL PROTECTION AROUND THE GLOBE

WFP supported national social protection in

78 COUNTRIES

Ten country highlights are below...

- In **78 countries**, WFP contributed to the strengthening of national social protection systems
- In **65 out of 78 countries** WFP supported governments to introduce new, or scale-up or adapt existing social protection measures in response to COVID-19, often building on longer-term support to routine social protection



Haiti

The government, WFP and the World Bank work together to operationalize the recently adopted National Social Protection and Promotion Policy through the establishment of a large-scale national social assistance programme, which WFP will implement on behalf of the government.



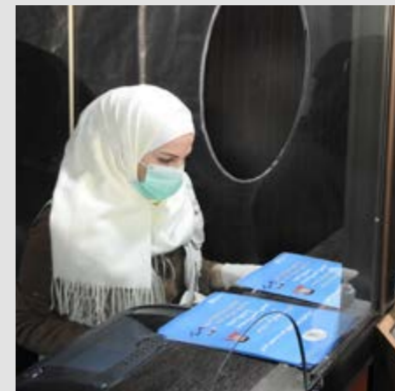
Dominican Republic

The government and WFP work together to uphold the nutritional impacts of national social protection programmes during the pandemic, while simultaneously strengthening decision-making processes for addressing longer-term food security and nutrition challenges.



Somalia

The government, WFP and partners are drawing on their relative expertise to rapidly build a social protection system where none existed before, with WFP implementing the nationwide shock-responsive social protection programme on the government's behalf.



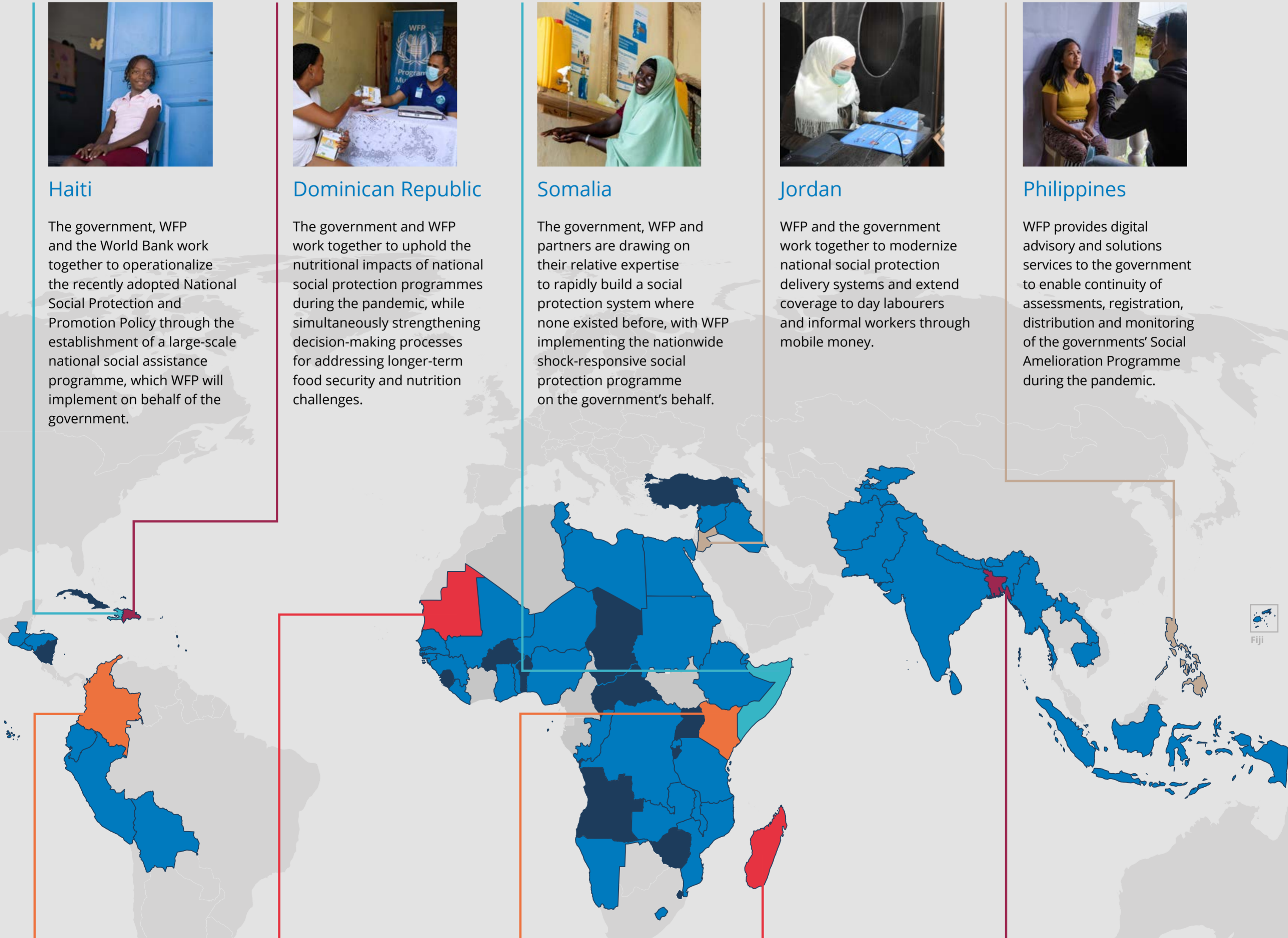
Jordan

WFP and the government work together to modernize national social protection delivery systems and extend coverage to day labourers and informal workers through mobile money.



Philippines

WFP provides digital advisory and solutions services to the government to enable continuity of assessments, registration, distribution and monitoring of the governments' Social Amelioration Programme during the pandemic.



Colombia

The government and WFP work together to strengthen the inclusiveness of the national social protection system by extending coverage to Venezuelan migrants and Colombian host communities living in extreme and moderate poverty.



Mauritania

The government and WFP work together to strengthen the shock-responsiveness of the national social protection system by developing core response tools, enhancing early warning systems and elaborating a national risk financing strategy.



Kenya

The government and WFP collaborate to extend social protection coverage to urban areas, including to people living in informal settlements, while simultaneously enhancing the national Single Registry for improved sector coordination.



Madagascar

The government, WFP and partners leverage years of collective efforts to strengthen the shock-responsiveness of the national social protection system, as they deliver a unified social protection response to support vulnerable urban households affected by the COVID-19 containment measures.



Bangladesh

The government and WFP work together to test innovative blockchain solutions to improve tracking and promote nutritious diets of social protection beneficiaries.