



## Social protection and agriculture



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breaking the cycle of rural poverty

Every year, all the UN Agencies celebrate the World Food Day on October 16, the day on which the FAO was founded in 1945. It is celebrated to raise public awareness about hunger in the world, and to encourage action towards solutions to this problem. In Sweden, the World Food Day 2015 will be celebrated on October 21.

The Swedish FAO Committee and the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation welcome you to the event about the role of social protection in Agriculture, Rural Development and Livelihoods in improving Food Security.

Regeringskansliet  
Jakobsgatan 24  
Stockholm  
Sweden

09:00 - 12:00



## Programme



**09.00-09.05 Opening remarks and welcome –**  
Representative of the Swedish FAO Committee

**09.05-09.15 Introductory film from FAO**

**09.15-09.45 From Protection to Production: Exploring the linkages and strengthening coordination between social protection, agriculture and rural development**, Benjamin Davis, ESA, UN-Food and Agriculture Organization

**09.45-10.10 Surviving Shocks and enhanced Food Security in Ethiopia: The role of social protection**, Addise Amado, Projects and Community Services Coordinator at the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology (EGST), guest Church of Sweden.

**10.10-10.30 Coffee break**

**10.30- 10.55 Safe Farmworkers, safe families and communities: How social protection improves rural livelihoods**, Svetlana Boincean, International Union of Food workers (IUF), agricultural coordinator for Eastern Europe and the Central Asia.

**10.55 -12.00 Panel discussion:** a broader picture of social protection with 10 min intro of each panel participants

- **Social inclusion and food security for older persons through social protections schemes**, Dag Ehrenpreis, Development Economist, PRO –Global Sweden;

- **Using new technologies for solving food insecurity crises – E-Cards Make Life Easier For Syrian Refugees**, Anne Poulsen, Director, UN World Food Programme (WFP) Office, Copenhagen;

- **Incorporation Social Protection Scheme with Development Aid Strategies**, Torsten Wetterblad, Senior Policy Advisor, Social protection, Sida;

Moderator: Madeleine Fogde, SIANI

## What is social protection?

Social protection is a blend of policies, programmes and interventions that aim at protecting poor and food-insecure people and to lift them out of poverty and hunger.

Through a variety of programmes that provide financial or in-kind support to poor and vulnerable people, social protection enhances their income, capacities and rights.

## Social protection programmes are broadly classified as:

- **Social assistance programmes:** publicly provided transfers that can be conditional or unconditional cash, or in-kind transfers, or public works programmes.
- **Social insurance programmes:** typically financed by contributions from employees, employers and from the state. Such schemes enable people to protect themselves against risks (illness, accidents, etc.) by pooling resources among a larger number of similarly exposed individuals or households.
- **Labour market programmes:** provide unemployment benefits, build skills, and enhance workers' productivity and employability.