**Working draft (to comments, vision, mission, principles, policy statements, and thrust areas)**

**(Strategic objectives, outcomes, outputs and strategic actions are not included)**

**National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) for Sri Lanka**

1. **INTRODUCTION** 
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* Global trends
* Macroeconomic perspectives of the Economy: GDP & GDP growth, sectoral performance, Unemployment, Inflation, Investment, trade balance, labour force, poverty, income distribution etc.
* Social Protection sector in the economy; contribution to GDP, labour force & labour productivity
* Government interventions in Social Protection; policy interventions, Cross cutting Areas
* Present Policy outlook: Vistas of Splendor , Budget Speech, SDG, Post pandemic Recovery

*(Preferably 2-3 pages)*

* 1. **Rationale (need /purpose)**
* *Why the strategy is required*; Finding of the Assessment- brief illustration of SWOT analysis
* Include present government policy re-orients for Social protection

*(Preferably 1-2 pages)*

* 1. **Scope of the strategy**
* This strategy will have to focus on the scope of the study and covering areas; throughout the life cycle model 0-5 children, pregnant and lactating mothers, school children, youth, elder including all vulnerable groups disable, women, people with chronic diseases, social security and labour market intervention

**Figure 1: Social Protection via Life Cycle Model to provide opportunity, resilience & equity**

**Disability**

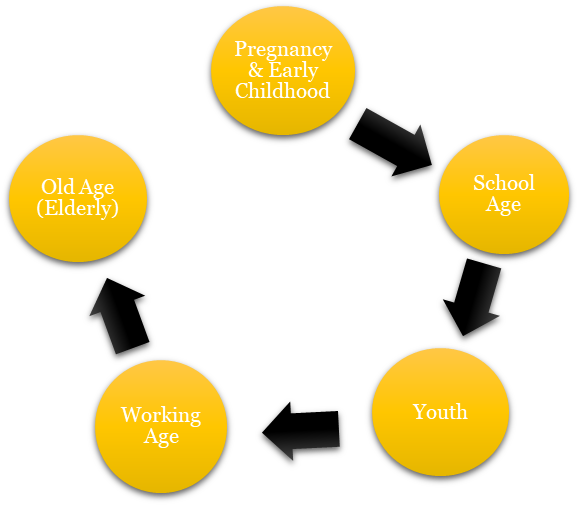
**Urban-Rural-Estate**

**Gender**

Cross Cutting

**Income Level**

**Ethnicity**



* Opportunity: silver economy
* Equity: social pensions
* Resilience: old-age pension, disability insurance
* Opportunity: free education
* Equity: child allowances, scholarship
* Opportunity: Pre-schools, health
* Equity: mother support programs, child allowances
* Opportunity: entrepreneurship programs, skills and training
* Opportunity: employment, entrepreneurship, training & skills
* Equity: minimum wage
* Resilience: unemployment insurance

Source: *Adopted from World Bank 2011 and modified by the Authors*

* 1. **Potential impact of the proposed NSPS**

The proposed NSPS as a whole is expected to support inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic development. The intended impact will be achieved through micro level, meso level and macro level channels. At micro level (individual and households), this expects to prevent loss of productive capital, accumulate productive assets, mitigate risk in livelihood of poor households, enable entrepreneurship, increase investment opportunities among low income households, increase demand for goods and services, reduce child malnutrition and improve health and cognitive development, increase access to skills training, increase financial inclusion, increase labor force participation, and eliminate dependency. At meso level (community and regional), the proposed NSPS will support to increase local production and consumption, accumulate productive assets, and improve labour market participation. At macro level, the proposed strategy will stimulate aggregate demand, improve labor force participation, increase capital markets through social insurance, and enhance social cohesion and human capital.

(To be completed)

* 1. **Vision and mission** 
     1. **Vision**

“An inclusive and productive Social Protection System for Prosperity and Splendor”

* + 1. **Mission**

Social Protection system for Sri Lankan that effectively and efficiently protects and prevents from poverty every citizen through the life cycle, and promotes human development, employment and inclusive growth.

* + 1. **Overall objective**

To establish a comprehensive social protection system that protects and prevents people from poverty, risks and vulnerability in Sri Lanka throughout the life cycle while promoting employability, human development and inclusive growth.

Specific Policy objectives

* To provide social protection all extremely poor and vulnerable people throughout their life cycle stages
* To enhance the prospects for better employment for members in the labour force
* To provide sufficient legislative coverage, financial & human resource; improve efficiency of service delivery, for social protection for labour market participants
* To instill a sense of responsibility among people to identify risks and plan effectively to cope up with them
  1. **Guiding Principles**

The new proposed social protection system must adhere to the following basic principles:

1. Equity and inclusiveness
2. Growth & Development (??)
3. Cost-effective and sustainable
4. Resilient
5. SMART programming
6. Civic responsibility (??)
   1. **Goals, Policy Statements and Policy Objectives** 
      1. **Policy Goals**

By 2032, the life cycle approach based social protection system will be developed gradually and aim to provide higher protection to those more in need and promote employability, human development and inclusive growth. Social protection programmes will be integrated in a manner that will improve efficiency, effectiveness and outcomes.

-Describe outcome

-Provide Guidance for actions

* + 1. **Policy Statements:**

The proposed NSPS will ensure**:**

* That social protection leads inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
* That social protection addresses all sources of risk throughout life cycle stages.
* Income security and minimum standard of living
* An effective and efficient service delivery system through SMART programming
* Responsible participation of people in social protection schemes

**Social welfare specific policy statements**

* An equitable and efficient Social Welfare System serving all vulnerable groups in need of assistance
* That poor are able to move out of poverty by building capacities and by creating opportunities
* Building resilience vulnerable groups against shocks and threats

**Social security specific policy statement**s

* An inclusive, affordable and productive social security coverage for all citizen.
* The well-being of elderly population establishing a universal pension system.
* Building resilience of all citizen against shocks strengthening the social and market insurance coverage.

**Labour market specific policy statements**

* Equity in the labour market participation, working environment, and remunerations
* Opportunities for potential labour market participants through education, training, and provision of opportunities
* Improve resilience through equipping labour market with required education and skills and better preparation of individuals for potential risks

**Policy Implementation**

* 1. **Strategic Thrust Areas, Strategic Objectives and Strategic Actions**
     1. **Strategic Thrust Area**

1. Social protection for needy (protection)
2. Employability and decent work (promotion)
3. Resilience building against shocks (prevention)
4. Building citizen awareness and responsibility (Transformation)

1. Social protection rationalization and integration (Integration)

*Example:*

* Strategic Thrust Area– Social Welfare Enhancing Equity
* Present context
* Issues and challenges (*issues and challenges should have a direct correlation with the proposed Strategic statement*)
* Proposed Strategic statement
* Way forward (*strategy and action plan – this section will be included in the Strategy Document*)

*(Preferably 2-3 pages for each policy statement)*

*Example*

* 1. *Strategic Thrust Area 01*- Social Welfare Enhancing Equity
     1. *Introduction*

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* + 1. *Issues to be Addressed*- in relation to the assessment

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* + 1. *Strategic Statement & Strategy Thrust Area*

Children (0-18) Strategic statement:

***Promote optimal development of all children in all spheres necessary to ensure their well-being, and enhance the potential for their eventual productive engagement in the labour market (example only)***

The strategy will focus on promoting survival and development, protection and well-being and equitable opportunities for quality care, health and education. …………………………………………………………………….

*Strategies*

* Establish, promote and strengthen programmes and institutions to support sound teaching and caring practices for ECD education