

Social Protection Floor Roundtable

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1. INTRODUCTION

The NPC in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) hosted a roundtable discussion on the social protection floor in South Africa based on the review titled, 'Measuring Progress of the Proposed Elements' on 28 October 2022.

2. KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The review was commissioned by the NPC with the support of UNICEF and takes the form of a structured annotated audit for each of the 12 proposed elements that might form the basis of a social protection floor in South Africa. The intention is to provide the basis for an informed assessment of the current system as well as suggest realistic next steps in working towards a more comprehensive system. The 12 proposed elements are:

- Social grants
- Access to free basic services for poor households
- National Housing Programme
- No-fee schooling
- School nutrition
- Scholar Transport Programme
- Free primary health care (PHC) for pregnant women and children under the age of 6
- Early childhood development (subsidised centre and non-centre based and grade R)
- Social welfare services
- Employment Tax Incentive (ETI)
- Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) And Community Work Programme (CWP)
- Minimum wages

3. CONCLUSION

The NDP proposed that a social floor should be defined and a multi-pronged strategy to ensure that no household lives below this 'social floor' or minimum social protection. The roundtable was attended by key stakeholders from government, civil society, academia, UN agencies and experts.