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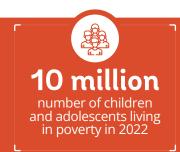## Strengthening Social Protection System for Greater Equity and Resilience

Colombia's social protection system faces limited coverage, weak crisis response, and fragmented services—especially in marginalized regions. Vulnerable groups, particularly women, children, and youth, are most affected, with limited access to social assistance and decent jobs.

10 million
number of children and adolescents living in poverty in 2022

M-GA Approach

M-GA is helping Colombia modernize its social protection system by making targeting and delivery more inclusive, adaptive, and effective—focusing on a geo-referenced, integrated registry to tailor services and respond to shocks more quickly.

The program brings together the World Bank, UNICEF, and WFP to coordinate technical assistance and align support with Colombia's priorities—building a more resilient, people-centered social protection system.

The **World Bank** provides expertise in resource mobilization, technical assistance on jobs and social protection, and global best practices to strengthen systems and improve program design.

UNICEF brings a rights-based, age-sensitive lens that informs equitable reforms, especially for children and vulnerable families.

WFP uses its local presence and expertise in humanitarian assistance to link social protection with food and nutrition security, supporting shock-responsive, nutrition-sensitive programs.

Key Areas of Impact:

Strengthening Colombia's universal income registry (Registro Universal de Ingresos)

- **Capacity building:** Support Colombia's National Planning Department and key agencies in using the RUI to design and target social protection policies, with training on children, gender, and crisis response.

- **Tool development:** Develop and pilot tools, guides, and training materials.

- **Improved delivery:** Improve beneficiary identification, service design, and coordination across programs.

Expanding access for marginalized communities

- **Identify barriers:** Analyze exclusion of vulnerable groups, especially in underserved regions, through data and beneficiary mapping.

- **Develop solutions:** Translate insights into strategies and tools to better reach excluded populations.

- **Improve delivery:** Support national and local agencies in using RUI data to design and implement more inclusive policies.

Piloting one-stop shops for social protection services

- **Pilot service centers:** Establish two "one-stop" centers to link social protection, jobs, and disaster response, including one in an underserved region.

- **Improve access and coordination:** Streamline services, improve coordination, empower communities, and identify local gaps.

- **Promote inclusion:** Address gender-based vulnerabilities, support child development, and advance economic inclusion for women and youth.

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