

Country Profile

Paraguay



Paraguay is an upper-middle-income country, with low formalization and fragmented social protection coverage. It joined the Global Accelerator in **February 2024** to support the creation of a sustainable economy, with **500,000 jobs over five years** while reducing income inequality, informality and increasing its social protection coverage.

Global Accelerator roadmap priority areas:

- Strengthen institutional coordination of employment, formalization, social protection, and care programmes
- Industrial policy alignment (especially transition to a digital and sustainable economy)
- Development of MSMEs, local development programmes
- Mobilize domestic resources

The Vision

Support employment creation, formalization and sustainability of social protection in the wake of climate change, digitalization and demographic change.

Implementation



- **Lead:** Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security
- **Partners:** Ministry of Economy and Finance; Ministry of Foreign Relations
- Workers' and Employers' Organizations
- UN and the World Bank

Funding



- **GA Seed Funding:** USD 200,000
- **ILO-Korea Project:** USD 300,000
- **M-GA Project Round I:** USD 500,000

At a glance

6,109,903

Total Population

82.4%; 59.5%

Labour Force Participation Rate (M/F)

5.8%

Unemployment Rate

36.1%

SDG 1.3.1 Effective Coverage

The Global Accelerator Advantage

High-level commitment, whole of government approach, social dialogue, expertise, financing and synergies for greater impact.

What is the M-GA Programme?

The Multistakeholder Engagement to implement the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions (M-GA) is a partnership and financing mechanism. It brings together the government, the UN, the World Bank and development partners to advance innovative projects that promote employment formalization, social protection expansion, and just transitions.



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Key Highlights and Expected Results

- The National Roadmap was developed, validated and launched by national stakeholders in July 2024.
- The following activities are being undertaken as part of the projects:



Employment

- Supporting the development of a **monitoring and evaluation framework** for the **Integrated Strategy for Employment Formalization**.
- An **Employment Expenditure Review** and a thorough **mapping of the Active Labour Market Programmes** are being undertaken to **identify public spending on job creation** and improve labour market outcomes, as well as opportunities for new programmes.
- The GA's conceptual framework has translated into an integrated programme, **Emplea PY Joven**, to foster the integration of youth into formal jobs and enhance their skills.



Social Protection

- The **Tripartite Commission on Equal Opportunities has been supported** in developing its **Action Plan**, with social protection coverage for **domestic workers and violence and harassment** identified as key areas of work.
- The M-GA programme is supporting **analysis and policy recommendations** for women's and youth's transition to the **formal economy and social security coverage**.



Just Transitions

The following work is being undertaken with social partners

- Government - **Measuring green jobs** to identify skills gaps and employment opportunities in the green transition.
- Employers - To include environmental aspects in a **future industrial policy**.
- Workers - To develop a **trade union roadmap for just transitions**.

Knowledge Generated

- Employment impact of climate change and artificial intelligence
- Obstacles facing women and youth in accessing formal employment
- Sustainability of contributory pension funds
- Sectoral opportunities for a Just Transition

Bridging the GA Funding Gap

- Full Roadmap implementation: **USD 15,000,000**
- Implementing the Employment Formalization Strategy and the National Employment Plan: **USD 5,000,000**



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For more information on Paraguay: www.unglobalaccelerator.org



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