



Experiences from Social Protection Curriculum Development (MA, BA, professional) at African Universities

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“This has the benefit of making social protection sustainable over the long run. And also of making it a little bit easier to train individuals from within Zambia, and hopefully form the region, in social protection, focusing on different aspects of social protection.”

Mutale Wakanuma, Social Protection Financing and Development Consultant, Institute for Social Policy in Africa, Zambia

“When you are developing a curriculum, you are developing it for the local people, so having it done here means a lot more people being involved. It means we are actually interacting with a lot more people that are vested in a particular field.”

Tamara Chansa Kabali, Psychology Lecturer, Assistant Dean, Post Graduate Studies, University of Zambia



“It’s really important that nationals be involved and I’m happy that nationals are driving the process. The most important thing is also to have the government support. This is not an easy investment. This is a huge investment. If countries are able to support that move I’m very confident we are going to achieve the desired results.”

Patrick Ngwila, Social Protection Specialist, Workers Compensation Fund, Tanzania



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“I have been abroad studying. When they are teaching they are using examples from their own country. But here you are actually touching what you know, what you experience, and in that way it’s a good way to start a course.”

Emily Ngandu, Lecturer, Social Work, Social Policy and Mental Health, University of Zambia

“If we are able to develop the cadre of men and women who can be offloaded to the job market to influence decisions, I think that way we are really going to make it work. So it’s about dealing with the policy makers, the practitioners, and also those people who are yet to join the profession. We shouldn’t have any excuse whatsoever. It is about organizing ourselves.”

Dr. Moonga Mumba, Development Studies Lecturer, University of Zambia



“Capacity development of government staff and people who can deliver [social protection] is actually a bit lacking. So that’s why this idea came in. To develop the curriculum that will benefit the local people, who can work for the governments to boost up that capacity, and also continue to enhance and deliver social protection in the country.”

Dampu Ndenzako National Programme Coordinator, Social Protection, ILO Zambia

“We are also engaged with practitioners out there at every stage, both locally and internationally. People at the University of Tampere [Finland], others at the University of Bonn in Germany, and other experts from within the region are also involved. These are major strengths of the curriculum.”

Jairous Joseph Miti, Lecturer, Social Work and Sociology, University of Zambia



“If we as EU, UN and other development partners continue to work in a coordinated way to support the direction that the governments indicate where they want to go, then I see a good future for social protection.”

Paul Quarles van Ufford, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF