



Luxembourg ILO cooperation

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Luxembourg has been an ILO Member State since 1920 and is a long-standing partner in promoting the Decent Work Agenda. Luxembourg has ratified 104 of ILO Conventions, including all of the ten Fundamental, all four of the Governance and 90 of the 177 Technical Conventions.

► Luxembourg’s contributions to the ILO

Luxembourg is strongly engaged in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, both at the national and global levels. Within this framework, it has shown a strong commitment to the ILO’s mandate, providing voluntary contributions to the ILO’s development cooperation programme, notably in the fields of social protection, vocational training and youth employment.

A new Strategic Partnership Framework with the ILO was signed in March 2022. The overall objective is to support the realization of the 2030 Agenda

and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition to its partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, the ILO collaborates with the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Solidarity Economy.

Luxembourg provided US\$ 530 million (preliminary data) of ODA in 2022 (US\$ 562.3 million in constant terms), representing 1% of GNI. In 2022, Luxembourg was the most generous DAC member relative to the size of its economy. (Source: OECD).

Luxembourg’s development cooperation priorities

The strategy entitled “The Road to 2030” is aligned with the 2030 Agenda and the principle of Leaving No One Behind. The strategy focuses on four priority themes that are also interrelated:

- Improving access to quality basic social services
- Strengthening the socio-economic integration of women and youth
- The promotion of inclusive and sustainable growth
- The promotion of inclusive governance

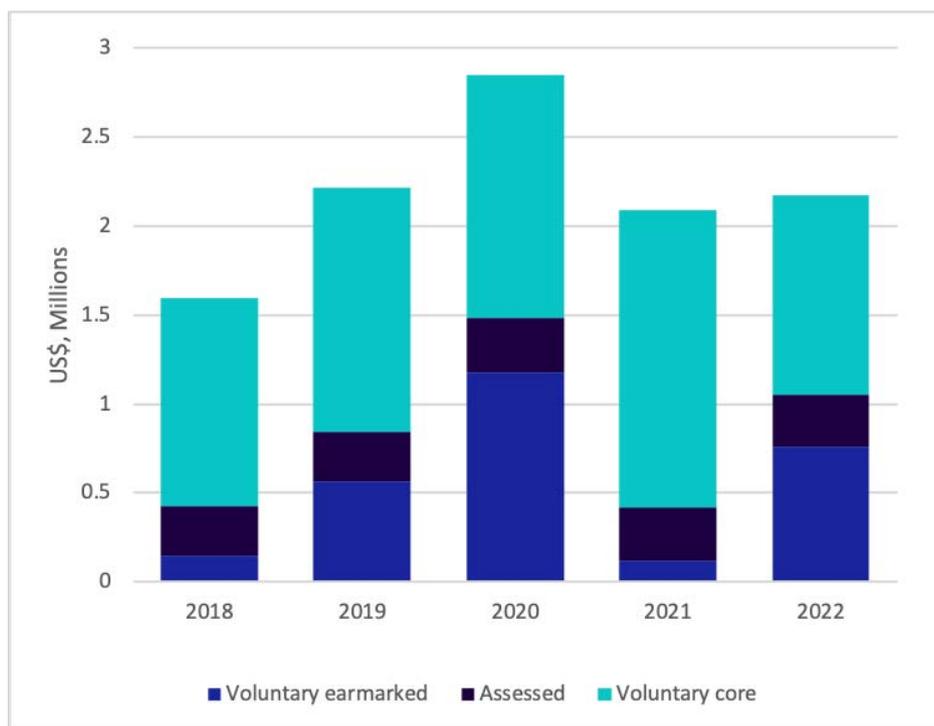
In addition, the cross-cutting themes remain the same, namely Human rights, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

Luxembourg’s Partner Countries are Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Laos, Mali, Niger and Senegal.

Luxembourg's financial contributions to the ILO

- ▶ **Assessed contributions** to ILO's Regular Budget, paid by all ILO member States by virtue of their membership. From 2018 to 2022, Luxembourg contributed US\$ 1.46 million.
- ▶ **Voluntary core funding contributions** provided by eight ILO donors as a pool of un-earmarked, flexible resources allocated by the ILO to strategic areas and emerging priorities. From 2018 to 2023,¹ Luxembourg contributed US\$ 7.75 million.
- ▶ **Voluntary earmarked funding contributions** provided as earmarked funds for priority programmes and projects in addition to assessed contributions. From 2018 to 2022 Luxembourg contributed over US\$ 2.7 million.

▶ Luxembourg's Overall Contributions to the ILO, 2018–22



▶ Building Social Protection Floors for All: Supporting the extension of social protection in Asia and Africa

Luxembourg is a key partner in implementing the second phase of the ILO Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All (2022–2025) through the Multi-donor Programme. Thanks to this contribution, the ILO is able to support Member States to enhance social health protection in South-East Asia and Western Africa, and to extend social protection to workers in the informal economy in Central and Western Africa.

In Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR), the Multi-donor Programme works closely with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to strengthen the Unified Health Insurance scheme. Regionally, the Multi-donor Programme is supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation, through developing the CONNECT regional network on Social Health Protection.

In Central Africa, the Multi-donor Programme covers Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. In Burundi, the Multi-donor Programme is supporting the design of a social protection scheme for workers in the informal economy and other vulnerable groups. In the DRC, the ILO supports constituents in consensus-building on the Universal Health Coverage system, and implementing the Solidarity Health Fund.

In Rwanda, the Multi-donor Programme is contributing to strengthening the social security system in line with the Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202).

In Western Africa, the Multi-donor Programme covers Burkina Faso and Senegal, and promotes integrated policies for extending social protection to workers in the informal economy. In Burkina Faso, the Multi-donor Programme is contributing to the implementation and roll-out of the Universal Health Insurance Scheme (RAMU). In Senegal, the Multi-donor Programme is supporting ILO constituents to strengthen the implementation of the simplified social security scheme for workers in the informal economy (RSPC).

More information on the impact of the Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All is available [here](#).



1. Data as of 14 June 2023.

► Support for Tunisian Youth through Social and Solidarity Entrepreneurship

This Luxembourg-funded project, implemented by the ILO from 2019 to 2022, contributed to the development of a more conducive environment for the Social and Solidarity Economy (“SSE”) and its organizations in the governorate of Ariana leading to more employment opportunities for young women and men.

The project worked closely with local actors (entrepreneurship services, municipalities, and civil society organizations) in the governorate of Ariana strengthening their capacities. For instance, it provided technical assistance to over 50 trainers and coaches of business development service (“BDS”) providers to increase their capacity to promote and serve SSE entities. In close collaboration with capacitated local BDS providers, the project assisted 571 young women and men to develop their innovative business ideas for the SSE. After the selection of 115 project ideas, a coaching process supported the development of 35 business plans for the creation of SSE organizations of which 11 were selected by a panel made up of key local stakeholders.

As a result, the pilot project created 11 SSE organizations by 47 young entrepreneurs (of which 53% women) in sectors such as

tourism, agriculture and environmental technologies. Over 100 jobs are expected to be created through these SSE initiatives.

The project demonstrated the untapped potential of the SSE to provide decent job opportunities for young people and meet their needs and support their aspirations.



► Supporting the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE)

Luxembourg has long supported the ILO to advance decent work and the social and solidarity economy (SSE), in a manner that balances economic activity and social equity cutting across all four dimensions of the Decent Work Agenda. Luxembourg’s collaboration with the ILO and the UN Task Force on the SSE resulted in the organization of one edition of the Social and Solidarity Academy, held in Luxembourg in 2017, the development of the SSE Knowledge Hub, and the drafting of the

Task Force position paper on the contribution of the SSE to agenda 2030 on sustainable development – giving strong impetus to both the ILC resolution on decent work and the SSE as well as the recent UN General Assembly resolution on Promoting the SSE for Sustainable Development. Luxembourg’s support continues through the ongoing creation of a global awareness raising package on the SSE by the ILO’s International Training Centre (ITCILO) in Turin that will allow a much broader

understanding of the importance and potential of the SSE. The initial modules of this package, developed through the project funding by Luxembourg, were presented at the recent Global Social Economy Forum, held in Dakar in May 2023.



► Global awareness-raising package on the SSE

Luxembourg has a track record of supporting the SSE, including through the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTF SSE). As part of this support, Luxembourg is funding the development of a “Global awareness-raising package on the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE).” Working with ITCILO, the ILO is developing an easily accessible and easy to use self-learning package in form of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the nature and benefits of the SSE.

This course will build awareness as well as help policymakers and practitioners harness the potential of Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises and Organizations (SSEEOs) to contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The package will be available for use on a variety of platforms, enhancing the visibility of the SSE within the UN system and beyond, with the final objective of enhancing understanding of the SSE by policy makers, social partners representatives and practitioners worldwide.

► Jov@Emprego in Cabo Verde

Through its activities, the Jov@Emprego - Employment and employability and insertion programme, reached more than 33,000 young people aged 15 to 35 in Cabo Verde, who left traditional education and/or the vocational training system and low-income women. It supported the insertion of over 1,100 young people, of whom over 60 per cent were women, into the labour market, both as employees and as self-employed workers.

Based on strengthening dialogue with the private sector and the identifying opportunities for micro-enterprises, this programme has assessed the needs of the employment market and prioritized the most promising sectors in terms of employment and small-business investment opportunities.

To ensure an environment conducive to success, the actions of the programme focused on strengthening the employment and vocational training system, the professional integration of young people, support for the promotion of entrepreneurship and the improved access to finance. As a result, 1,011 trainers and technicians from the employment and vocational training system were trained in various innovative methodologies and the creation of decentralized project implementation structures, which were essential to the success of Jov@emprego.

Jov@emprego also introduced tools and approaches adapted to the needs and reality of

Cabo Verde, including the design and reproduction of 37,950 copies of various educational materials to support project activities and strengthen management skills – GERME and Get Ahead, Soft Skills, the development of entrepreneurship – CODE, financial education, rights and duties of young people and thematic videos.

Finally, the project also worked with the Government to support the development of the National Strategy for the Promotion of Decent Work 2021-2026, which aims to guarantee the effectiveness of employment policies in order to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full employment and decent work for all.



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