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UN and Social Protection

1. Pervasive nature of poverty and inequality;
2. MDGs seek to minimize and/or eliminate poverty and inequality;
3. These exist in various degrees among UN member states;
4. MDGs to remain on the agenda of UN beyond 2015, hence concern for social protection.

National Governments and Social Protection



1. All governments claim commitment to the fight against poverty and inequality in one way or the other.
2. What explains failures and successes of improving the plight of the poor and vulnerable through social protection programs across nations?
 - 2.1.1 The Ideology and nature of the ruling classes;
 - 2.2.2 The voice of the vulnerable;
 - 2.2.3 The silence of the vulnerable;
 - 2.2.4 The plight of the vulnerable.

Initiative Governments Take in Social Protection



1. Social Assistance;
2. Labour Markets;
3. Social Insurance;
4. Micro-and-Area-based schemes;
5. Child Protection.



Social Protection Strategies and Rationale: How and When do governments choose to socially protect?

1. Affordability of Social Protection Programs;
2. Support from Non-State Actors;
3. Acceptance of rejection of social solidarity as a National Ethic.

Conclusion



When all is said and done TWO issues stand out:

1. Global Commitment;
2. National Leadership and Social Struggles.



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