

ASSESSING AND STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SAFETY NETS IN EMDES

PROPOSED DATES: August 17 – 21, 2026

TARGET GROUP | Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in the evaluation, budgeting and prioritization of social safety net (SSN) programs.

DESCRIPTION | Over the years, FAD's Expenditure Policy division has developed an integrated framework to assess and strengthen SSNs in EMDEs. This framework builds on the three macro-critical dimensions of social spending—adequacy, efficiency, and fiscal sustainability—and includes guidance notes, working papers, an assessment scorecard toolkit, as well as ongoing case studies. The workshop program would combine lectures and practical sessions, using data and case studies to link technical analysis with policy discussions.

OBJECTIVES | Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Assess SSN spending adequacy and estimating spending needs using poverty, social policy and public spending concepts and data.
- Evaluate SSN program efficiency, including coverage and benefit incidence analysis, program design, institutional arrangements and information systems.
- Identify options to sustainably strengthen SSN systems, including predictable financing, alignment with fiscal frameworks, and responsiveness to economic shocks and crises.
- Analyze the role of SSN delivery systems, social registries, and payment platforms in improving SSN performance.
- Combine quantitative and qualitative assessments of SSN spending in an integrated diagnostic framework to identify SSN reform priorities and support policy dialogue

LANGUAGE | The workshop will be delivered in English language, with simultaneous interpretation to Russian.