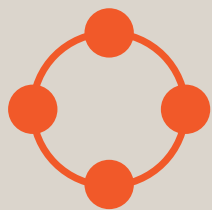


Thailand old age pensions: advocating for change

Aim

Improved old age pension systems, focusing on the social pension component



More integrated management systems



Strengthened legal framework



Improved benefit



Establishment of national body on old age pensions

2013 to present

Phase 3: Coordinating strategies between CSO networks/academics

Regular meetings of a core group for

- Public campaign/communications
- Study/analysis
- Capacity building of CSOs
- Dialogue with policy makers, CSO networks and academics.



Positive change: Income security in old age included in the government national reform agenda

Context: SDG process, MIPAA review, and military coup

Phase 2: Leading coordinated CSOs through the SPF process and joining the CSO campaign focusing on social pension

Positive changes: Increased benefit (progressive rates) and recommendations for further improvement by government

- Working with SPF, UN joint team led by ILO
- Lobbying political parties
- Engaging with media.

Context: Political conflict, general election, and SPF process

2010-2011



2007-2009

Phase 1: Raising awareness, linking with regional initiatives and reaching out to other CSO networks

- HelpAge Asia/Pacific regional conference on old age pensions in Asia (2007)
- Social transfer training course in Chiangmai and national workshop (2008)
- Collaboration with other CSO networks (2009).

Positive change: From means-testing to pension-testing

Context: Global financial crisis, introduction of SPF initiative



Baseline: Means-tested social pension scheme

