

Free Open-Source Software for Social Protection Programs

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Social protection consists of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability

by preventing, managing, and overcoming situations that adversely affect people's well-being.





Three key goals for an effective Social Protection system provided through the lifecycle



Source: Charting a course towards Universal Social Protection - Resilience, Equity, and Opportunity for All (World Bank, 2022)

System needs to support the SP delivery chain flow





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Context: Significant demand for open-source SP platforms

- **Digital Platforms Essential for SP Delivery:** Access to affordable, robust digital platforms is crucial for effective social protection, especially in emergencies.
- **Need for Streamlining Development:** Countries experience delays and inefficiencies as they independently create systems, leading to redundancy and hampered progress.
- **Capacity Challenges:** Contracting and developing tools pose significant challenges, often resulting in complications such as vendor lock-in.
- **Open-Source Solutions:** There's a clear need for reliable opensource platforms that can be easily tailored to specific requirements, ensuring swift implementation and customization.



Background: CORE-MIS Pilot

- **CORE-MIS Development:** In 2020, the Bank developed CORE-MIS, a Java-based platform, to support rapid emergency cash transfers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Comprehensive Functionality:** CORE-MIS, aligned with the SP standard delivery chain flow, boasts 18+ modules covering diverse use cases, enhancing its versatility.
- Africa Pilots: CORE-MIS is piloted across multiple African countries, notably in Zambia, where it supports country's largest SCT program (GEWEL), has been officially adopted by IT Ministry, ZIZPIS.



A new integrated Tool

- Integrated Open-Source Solution (March 2023): World Bank, BMZ, and SDC announced a new open-source software, merging CORE-MIS features into the Python-based openIMIS toolkit.
- **Modular Open-Source Solution:** <u>openIMIS</u> supports health insurance, employment injury insurance, and voucher schemes. supported by a global community with widespread implementations.
- **Comprehensive Digital Public Good:** Newly integrated software becomes a valuable digital public good, capable of handling diverse schemes, including cash transfers, economic inclusion programs, health insurance, employment injury insurance, and voucher schemes.
- Focus on interoperability standards as part of the Digital Convergence Initiative



- Health insurance
 (formal & informal)
- Voucher scheme
- Employment Injury Insurance
- Cash transfer programs
- "cash plus" & "public works"
- Economic inclusion programs
- Grievance Redress Mechanism



SP Functionalities

- CORE-MIS functionalities are being added to the already extensive capabilities of openIMIS.
- The current main use case is **unconditional CT**:
 - Import and manage beneficiaries of SP program(s)
 - Generate and reconcile payments via API
 - **Analyze data** through interactive, customizable dashboards
 - Basic Social Beneficiary Registry
- Migration of functionalities is performed by developers contracted by GiZ, with guidance from the WB team.
- Additional modules planned for release in the upcoming months (including Targeting, Social Registry, GRM)



Current SP Functionalities (2023.10 release)

BENEFICIARY REGISTRY

Beneficiary Registry

- Edit beneficiary status
- Update beneficiary info

HOUSEHOLD REGISTRY

Household Registry

• View of household (group) members

INDIVIDUALS

Individuals

- Advanced search of individuals
- Data export

BENEFIT PLANS

Programs / Benefit plan

- Create edit program
- Upload beneficiaries via external file

PAYMENT & RECONCILIATION

Payments

- Create a payment plan
- Customize formula and filter subgroup of beneficiaries
- Group invoices (bills) in payrolls
- Reconcile payrolls via API

Current SP Functionalities (2023.10 release)

TASK MANAGEMENT

Task management

- Granular maker-checker logic
- Actions are not performed until confirmed by authorized user
- Support for customizable multi-level approval

USER MANAGEMENT

User management

Customizable profile creation

PROJECT DASHBOARD

Dashboard and Reports

- Customizable dashboard for overview of the project activities
- Reports can be created directly from the front-end
- Charts are dynamic, enabling online analysis and checks



SP Functionalities – future releases

TARGETING

Targeting

- Customizable workflow for different implementation approaches
 - (e.g., listing \rightarrow enumeration
 - \rightarrow PMT assessment \rightarrow community validation)
- Configurable PMT formula or categorical targeting using a combination of filters
- Supports import from different data sources

SOCIAL REGISTRY Social Registry

- Expand Individuals module (beyond beneficiaries)
- Intake and registration
- Cross-check information from separate systems
- Eligibility assessment
- Duplicates flagging

GRM

Grievance Redress Mechanism

Record grievance and manage redressing

PPM Android application

Payments

 Integration with PPM app to track delivery of offline payments, including GPS and photo evidence



• Improvements to UI and configurability



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Technology

The core platform provides generic components and is split in 3 layers:

• Frontend Layer (Web User Interface):

This is a **React**-based frontend with design guidelines from Material Design.

• Backend Layer:

This is **Python**-based backed backend which uses the **Django** framework to build a modular microkernel architecture, in which modules can be customized and replaced without necessary updating the whole backend.

• Database Layer:

The database layer is currently made up of two core technologies. **PostgreSQL** and **OpenSearch**. OpenSearch powers the rich visualizations Dashboards that give more insight into data indexed into PostgreSQL near real time.



Community and Resources

- Homepage
- Wiki
- Forum
- Document Share
- Chatgroup
- Service Desk
- Issue Tracker
- Code Repository
- Internationalization
- Demo Server
- Documentation
- · Weekly implementers and developers calls



Customization and Deployment approach

IMPORTANT:

- This is not Software as a service (SaaS)
- The application should be deployed in secure servers chosen and managed by the client
- * The client is responsible for maintaining the integrity of stored data and for hosting the platform

Software

- No license costs
- No costs for joining the initiative

Customization and deployment costs

• Requirements specific to the scheme and interoperability needs

Hosting costs

- Procurement of hosting
- (physical and/or cloud)

Maintenance costs

- Capacity Building costs
- Maintenance costs

Source code and Release cycle

Source code: github.com/openimis

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Standard release cycle is every 6 months (April and October).

Upcoming Release 2024-04 is planned for April 2024.

