

## Social Assistance, Politics and Institutions (SAPI) Database User Guide and Codebook

Over the past two decades, social protection emerged as a new paradigm in the fight against poverty and vulnerability in the developing world. This new paradigm has transformed the antipoverty policy agenda in many countries, from traditional approaches of food aid and subsidies to regular and predictable forms of assistance. Today, nearly 900 million people worldwide benefit, directly or indirectly, from these programmes, making them one of the most important antipoverty policy instruments at the present time (Barrientos and Niño-Zarazúa 2011).

The International Labour Organisation (ILO 2001) divides the notion of social protection into three general categories: i) social insurance; ii) labour market regulation; and iii) social assistance. *Social insurance* includes contributory schemes designed to protect workers against life-course and work-related contingencies. *Labour market regulations* are legal frameworks aimed at ensuring minimum standards for employment and safeguarding workers' rights. *Social assistance* includes tax-financed (and in several contexts) donor-supported policy instruments designed to address poverty and vulnerability. Programmes such as China's *DiBao*, India's *National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;* Mexico's *Progresa-Oportunidades-Prospera*, and South Africa's *Old-Age Pension* are prominent examples of this new wave of social assistance.

The role of social assistance in the fight against poverty and vulnerability has in particular been acknowledged in the discussions for the post 2015 Global Development Agenda. The High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda pointed out the importance of "providing social protection to help people build resilience to life's uncertainties" (United Nations 2013: ii), which culminated with the introduction of target 1.3 in the Sustainable Development Goals, which calls nations to implement "appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable".

There is a growing recognition about the importance of learning from, and better understanding, the wide range of social assistance programme in terms of objectives, design features, coverage and social and economic impacts, as well as the level of institutionalization, financing and political conditions in which these programmes have been introduced, and subsequently expanded.

The fact that there are positive gains from cross-country knowledge sharing, and that the experiences from one country can help others avoid placing resources on

ineffective policies, underscores the critical role of documenting and making information on social assistance programmes widely available.

Over the past two years, UNU-WIDER has embarked in the generation of a new database, 'Social Assistance, Politics and Institutions' (SAPI), which provides a synthesis of longitudinal and harmonized comparable information on social assistance programmes in developing countries, covering the period 2000-2015. The SAPI provides information on: i) programmes characteristics, ii) programme and country-level institutionalization; iii) budget and financing and iv) welfare impacts. The SAPI database is part of a large research initiative, <u>The Economics and Politics of Taxation and Social Protection</u> that aims to shed light on the system-wide impacts of social protection and tax systems in developing countries. It builds on an earlier initiative—the Social Assistance in Developing Countries Database (SADC) version 5.0—by Armando Barrientos, from the University of Manchester and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, UNU-WIDER Research Fellow.

There are several valuable databases on social assistance in developing countries. However, these datasets are in their current format limited in their capacity to support longitudinal comparative analysis. The SAPI database aims to expand previous data collection efforts and provide a consistent and comparable synthesis of programmes and country-level information over the past 15 years.

The SAPI collects information from primary sources including: i) National governments' websites, and ii) regular reports published by coordinating agencies, programme administrators, and donors. The SAPI also collects information from several secondary sources including: iii) online repositories of international organisations such as the International Labour Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, the International Social Security Association, World Food Programme, the European Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, etc; iv) country reports from development (DFID), the German Organisation for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFA), etc., and v) comparative studies of social protection programmes.

All data sources per programme are listed in the **Indexes of Programmes**, which are available online on the SAPI webpage.

The conceptualization and structure of the SAPI is the result of a long collaboration between Armando Barrientos and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, which has been facilitated by UNU-WIDER. The data collection process was supported, at different phases, by Katharina Bollig, Paola Peña, Alma Santillán-Hernández and Rose-Camile Vincent.

In the Codebook beta version (1.0), we describe the codes, variable definitions and their type. Some variables are categorical, some numeric, some dummies and others, strings with literal constants in the form of text.

There are instances where variables can take categories with multiple values. For example, consider the case of "proobj\_1", which captures programme objectives. For Mexico's Progresa-Oportunidades-Prospera (POP) programme, this variable takes the values 2457, reflecting POP's multiple objectives: i) improve health outcomes (2), ii) improve education outcomes (4), iii) promote family and community participation (5), and iv) improve the network of social services (7).

For this Beta version (1.0), we have generated a few indicators to show how to make original variables fully comparable overtime and across countries.<sup>1</sup> In the case of coverage at individual level—which is coded as "covind"—we have generated a set of indicators with the following codes and definitions:

Code	Definition		
rel_covind	Relative coverage of programme <i>i</i> , expressed as % of total population		
rel_covind_pov	Relative coverage of programme <i>i</i> as % of population with incomes		
	below the \$3.20 a day World Bank poverty line at 2011 prices		
	adjusted by purchasing power parity (PPP)		
rel_covind_pov19	Relative coverage programme <i>i</i> as % of population with incomes		
	below the \$1.90 a day World Bank poverty line at 2011 prices		
	adjusted by purchasing power parity (PPP)		
rel_covind_pov55	Relative coverage programme <i>i</i> as % of population with incomes		
	below the \$5.50 a day World Bank poverty line at 2011 prices		
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rel_covindc	Relative coverage at country <i>i</i> , expressed as % of total population		
rel_covind_povc	Relative coverage at country $i$ as % of population with incomes		
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To illustrate, we take the cases of South Africa and Brazil for relative coverage at country level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We plan to release a full set of comparable indicators in a subsequent version of the SAPI dataset



Figure 21: Relative coverage South Africa



Figure 3: Relative coverage Brazil

## The SAPI in a wider context

The raise of social assistance in the Global South has been taken place against a backdrop of specific contextual factors, including i) unprecedented changes in the

economic and social structures of countries, ii) a rapid urbanization process, iii) important demographic transitions and iv) political shifts.

The emergence of social assistance has been markedly distinctive of middle-income countries that have the fiscal space and administrative capacity to implement benefits programmes to scale. In many other instances, however, particularly among low and lower-middle income countries, the implementation of social assistance remains on a small scale and precarious in its institutionalisation and financing. What are future challenges for social assistance? What factors are likely to underpin their evolution, effectiveness and sustainability? What research gaps need to be addressed to guide future policy design?

The SAPI aims to contribute address empirically these important questions. To illustrate how SAPI can be combined with other data sources, we have included in this Beta version, a handful of indicators from UNU-WIDER's Government Revenue Dataset (GRD), which roughly capture the fiscal space of countries. These indicators are described below:

Code	Definition	
s_contr	Social Contributions at country level as % of GDP	
totrev	Revenue excluding social contributions and grants at country level as % of GDP	
direct	Direct Taxes excluding social contributions and resource revenue at country as % of GDP	
indirect	Indirect Taxes excluding resource revenues at country level as % of GDP	

In the figures below, we see a clear reversal of direction between 2000 and 2015 in the correlation between relative coverage—measured as % of total population—and direct taxes measured as % of GDP.



Figure 8: Direct Taxes excluding social contributions and resource revenue -Relative coverage to population 2000



Figure 10: Direct Taxes excluding social contributions and resource revenue -Relative coverage to population 2010

During this initial Beta phase, we encountered several challenges to obtain complete information on all dimensions for each programme. That resulted in missing values, which nonetheless may denote different roots:

- NAv= Not Available. In this case, data was not collected by the programme agency
- NAp= Not Applicable. In this case, the corresponding variable did not to the programme
- NAc= Available but not accessible. In this case, data was collected but not made available
- NAcc= Not Accessible at this time. In this case, the data was collected and usually made available, but it was not accessible at the time of data collection.

There is the possibility that for NAv, NAc and NAcc values, data points will be available in future updates of the SAPI dataset.

Finally, all monetary values are expressed in local currency units (LCU), unless they are reported in US dollars. We have generated a dummy variable with the extension "\_usd" that identifies those cases with a value = 1.

If the user has queries, or access to information not included in the SAPI, please contact Miguel Niño-Zarazúa.

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Proobj_1	<u>Programme objectives numeric</u> : The variable creates categories for the main objectives of the programme.	<ul> <li>Categorical variable:</li> <li>1. Provide financial assistance</li> <li>2. Improve health outcomes</li> <li>3. Improve nutritional outcomes</li> <li>4. Improve education outcomes</li> <li>5. Promote family and community participation</li> <li>6. Promote technical training and skill building</li> <li>7. Improve the network of social services</li> <li>8. Improve the wellbeing of the elderly</li> <li>9. Tackle the intergenerational transmission of poverty</li> </ul>
Pilot	<u><i>Pilot:</i></u> Dummy variable that identifies whether a programme is a pilot project in the corresponding year. Pilot projects are small in scale and introduced by governments or aid agencies with the aim of evaluating the feasibility, cost, and impacts of policy designs prior full-scale implementation.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Target	<u><i>Target population:</i></u> This variable identifies the main target population of the programme.	Categorical variable: 1=All households 2= Households with children aged 18 and younger 2=People in old age 3=People with disabilities 4=People of working age 5= Women 6=Other
categorical	<u><i>Categorical</i></u> : This variable takes the value 1 if the programme is a categorical programme and covers all within the category, and 0 if it selects participants within the category	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Inctest	<i>Income test:</i> This variable identifies whether an income test is used to select the beneficiaries.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
meanstest	<u>Means test:</u> This variable identifies whether a means test is used to select the beneficiaries.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes

proxytest	<u><i>Proxy-means test:</i></u> This variable identifies whether a proxy-means test is used to select the beneficiaries.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Geotar	<u>Geographic targeting:</u> This variable identifies whether beneficiaries are selected based on their geographic location.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
comtar	<u><i>Community targeting:</i></u> This variable identifies whether beneficiaries are selected through community participation.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Cattar	<u>Categorical targeting:</u> This variable identifies whether beneficiaries are selected based on categorical characteristics, such as age or gender. If applicable, further specification of these categories is included in the programme index.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
selfselect	<u>Self-selection:</u> This variable identifies whether an eligible person Whether participants self-select into the programme.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Assets	Asset targeting: Whether selection includes an asset test	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes
Covind	<u><i>Coverage – individual level</i></u> : This variable measures the number of individual beneficiaries	Numeric
Covhh	<u>Coverage – household level</u> : This variable measures the number of household beneficiaries	Numeric
Entreq	Entitlement requisites: The variable lists the requisites to receive support by the programme. These may include birth certificate or proof of residency.	<ul> <li>Categorical variable:</li> <li>Identification card or birth certificate.</li> <li>Proof of permanent residence</li> <li>Certifications (health, school enrolment, nutrition)</li> <li>Attendance of meetings, activities and training.</li> <li>Targeting classification (classified in extreme poverty)</li> <li>Income and expenditure verification/Utilities bills</li> <li>Records</li> <li>Do not receive other transfers</li> <li>Home visits</li> </ul>
meansinc	<u>Means test income</u> : This variable indicates what specification of income is treated to determine eligibility. Examples include a set income threshold, or the inclusion of income in a vulnerability assessment, and whether per capita income or household income is used to define eligibility.	String variable identifying income threshold
meansas	<u>Means test assets</u> : This variable indicates how assets are treated to determine eligibility. Examples include a set asset threshold, or the inclusion of assets in a vulnerability assessment.	String variable identifying asset threshold
meanswork	<u>Means test work</u> : This variable indicates how work is treated to determine eligibility, i.e. whether an inactivity test is conducted to determine eligibility.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes

recip	Recipient: This variable identifies the direct recipient of the transfer. In the case of old age pensions it is usually the pensioner who receives the pension, while female household members might be the recipients of various cash transfers, in order to strengthen their role in the household.	Categorical variable: 1=Child carer 2=Pensioner 3=Disabled 4=Worker 5=Household head 6=Female household member
payreg	<u>Payment regularity</u> : This variable measures the interval at which the payment is made. In the case of category 5, a further discussion is provided in the index of programme section.	Categorical variable: 1=Daily 2=Weekly 3=Biweekly 4=Monthly 5=Bimonthly 6=Quarterly 7=Every 6 months 8=Yearly
Transmin	<u><i>Transfer amount – minimum:</i></u> This variable measures the minimum amount a programme beneficiary may receive per month. The value is indicated in domestic currencies at current prices.	Numeric
Transmax	<u><i>Transfer amount – maximum</i></u> : This variable measures the maximum amount a programme beneficiary may receive per month. The value is indicated in domestic currencies at current prices.	Numeric
Transave	<u><i>Transfer amount – average:</i></u> The variable measures the average amount a programme beneficiary may receive per month. The value is indicated in domestic currencies at current prices.	Numeric
Transfix	<u><i>Transfer amount – fixed:</i></u> The variable measures the fixed transfer amount a programme beneficiary receives per month. The value is indicated in domestic currencies at current prices.	Numeric
Level	<i>Level of reporting:</i> This variable measures the level at which the transfer amount is reported, either at the individual level or the household level.	Categorical variable: 1=Individual level 2=Household level
Period	<u><i>Transfer period:</i></u> This variable measures the period that a beneficiary may be eligible to receive a transfer.	Dummy 0=No 1=Yes
period2	Period2:If period is yes, how many years is the beneficiary eligible to receive a transfer? The variable is measured in years. However, If in months or days, this needs to be converted to years. Example: a three-month period of eligibility would be 0.25 years. As in some cases it might be difficult to define a specific number of years, numbers 97, 98 and 99 are reserved for particular cases. Number 97 is reserved for cases in which continuation of payment depends on the continuation of a specific condition, as might be the case for disability allowances. Number 98 indicates that the transfer is subject to children being enrolled in school. Number 99 indicates that the transfer	Numeric 97=Subject to continuation of the condition 98=As long as children are in school 99=For the rest of natural lifetime

	period is not limited and is most likely to end	
	with the natural lifespan of the beneficiary, as	
	might be the case for social pensions.	
conhum	<u>Transfer conditions – human capital</u> : This is a	Dummy variable:
	dummy variable that measures whether income	0=No
	support is conditional upon the utilisation of	1=Yes
	social services aimed to enhance human capital.	
conenrol	<u>Transfer conditions – school enrolment</u> : This	Dummy variable:
	dummy variable measures whether the transfer	0=No
	is conditional upon school enrolment of school-	1=Yes
	aged children in the household.	
conatt	<u>Transfer conditions – school attendance</u> : This	Dummy variable:
	dummy variable measures whether the transfer	0=No
	is conditional upon school attendance of school-	1=Yes
	aged children in the household	
conhealth	<u><i>Transfer conditions – health:</i></u> This dummy variable	Dummy variable:
	measures whether the transfer is conditional	0=No
	upon periodic health check-ups.	1=Yes
conimmu	<u>Transfer conditions – immunization</u> : This dummy	Dummy variable:
	variable measures whether the transfer is	0=No
	conditional upon immunization of children in the	1=Yes
	household.	
connutri	<u>Transfer conditions – nutrition</u> : This dummy	Dummy variable:
	variable measures whether the transfer is	0=No
	conditional upon specific nutritional	1=Yes
	requirements.	
conwork	<u>Transfer conditions – work</u> : This is a dummy	Dummy variable:
	variable that measures whether income support	0=No
	is conditional upon the supply of wage labour.	1=Yes
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Interm	Intermediation: This dummy variable measures	Dummy variable:
	a social worker	U=NO 1-Ves
legfram	Lead framework: This categorical variable	Categorical variable
legitani	measures the legal framework under which the	1=Constitutional law
	programme operates.	2=Ordinary legislation
		3=Presidential decree
		4=Agency regulations
		5=None
legframch1	<u>Changes in the legal framework:</u> This dummy	Dummy
	variable identifies whether changes to the legal	0=No
	framework took place since the start of the	1=Yes
	programme.	
legframch2	<i>legframch2:</i> If <i>legframch1</i> is yes, which year were the changes made?	Numeric for year
evapro	Evaluation protocols: This dummy variable	Dummy variable:
	measures whether a programme has adopted an	0=No
	evaluation protocol.	1=Yes
benreg	<u>Beneficiary registration</u> : This categorical variable	Categorical variable:
	measures the level at which the registration	1=District
	process of participants takes place.	2=Provincial / State
		3=National
	Annesterne et an This domains in the	4=None
аррер	<u>Appeals procedure:</u> This dummy variable	Dummy variable:
	applicants to appeal the soloction process of	
	heneficiaries	1-165
socacc	Social accountability and participation: This	Dummy variable:
	dummy variable measures whether the	0=No
	community is involved in checking compliance	1=Yes
	between beneficiaries.	
budarr	Budgetary arrangements: The categorical variable	Categorical variable:
	reflects the extent to which budgetary	1=Formal (legislated)
	arrangements can be modified. Formal	2= Informal (revelation)
	arrangements are institutionalised and embodied	3=Discretionary (finance or
	into the legislation. Informal arrangements are	presidential discretion)
	in the local framework, which may be contingent	
	on donor funding Discretionary are	
	modifications to the budget determined by	
	presidential or ministerial discretion.	
web	<i>Website:</i> The variable determines whether there	Dummy variable:
	is a website for the programme.	0=No
		1=Yes
URL	<u>URL:</u> This variable provides the actual website of	String with URL
	the programme.	
	C. Country-level Institutionalisation	
povstra	Poverty strategy: This dummy variable measures	Dummy variable:
	whether a programme has been implemented as	0=No
	part of a national poverty reduction strategy or	1=Yes
	social protection policy strategy.	
natco	<u>National coordination:</u> The variable describes	Dummy variable:
	whether there is a single agency in charge of	0=No
	poverty reduction, responsible for managing	1=Yes
	programmes, and coordinates government	
	efforts.	

	D. Programme Budget		
Bugt	<u>Budget:</u> This numeric variable measures the budget assigned to the programme in the corresponding year. The amount is reported in local currency at current prices.	Numeric variable	
exbugt	<u>Budget explanation</u> : This variable provides additional information on the budget amount. It specifies whether the amount was reported for the fiscal year, calendar year or multiyear period.	Categorical variable: 1=fiscal year 2= calendar year	
exbugt2	<u>Budget explanation 2:</u> If exbugt is 3 (multiyear period), then this variable provides the number of years covered by the multiyear period.	Numeric variable	
Cost	<u>Actual Expenditure:</u> This numeric variable measures the executed expenditure on the programme in the corresponding year. Values are reported in local currency at current prices.	Numeric variable	
excost	<u>Cost explanation:</u> This variable provides additional information on the actual expenditure of the programme. It specifies whether the total cost was reported for the fiscal year, calendar year or multiyear period.	Categorical variable: 1= fiscal year 2= calendar year 3= multiyear period	
excost2	<u>Cost explanation 2:</u> If excost is 3 (multiyear period), this variable measures the number of years covered by the multiyear period.	Numeric variable	
dfin	<u>Donor Financing</u> : This dummy variable measures whether the programme receives donor contributions.	Dummy variable: 0=No 1=Yes	
Dfinex	<u>Donor Financing Expenditure</u> : This numeric variable measures the donor executed contribution to the programme in the corresponding year. The amount is reported in local currency at current prices.	Numeric variable	
exdfinex	<u>Donor Financing Explanation:</u> This variable provides additional information on donors' financial contribution to the programme. It specifies whether the amount was reported for the fiscal year, calendar year or multiyear period	Categorical variable: 1= fiscal year 2= calendar year 3= multiyear period	
exdfinex2	<u>Donor financing explanation2:</u> If exdfinex is 3 (multiyear period), then this variable measures the number of years covered in the multiyear period.	Numeric variable	
Govfinex	<u>Government Financing Expenditure</u> : This numeric variable measures the governments' executed contribution to the programme in the corresponding year. The amount is reported in local currency at current prices.	Numeric variable	
exgovfinex	<u>Government Financing Explanation</u> : This variable provides additional information on government executed contribution to the programme. It specifies whether the amount was reported for	Categorical variable: 1= fiscal year 2= calendar year	
exgovfinex2	<u>Government financing explanation 2:</u> If exgovfinex is 3 (multiyear period), this provides the number of vears covered in the multiyear period	<i>s</i> = muitiyear period Numeric variable	

findom	Whether programme is financed domestically: This	Dummy variable:
	variable defines whether a programme is	0=No
	financed totally or partially by domestic sources.	1=Yes
findomsour	<u>Sources of domestic financing:</u> This variable	Categorical variable:
	identifies the sources of domestic financing.	*1= general govt revenues
		(taxes)
	Earmarked or hypothecated taxes are collected	*2= earmarked or hypothecated
	explicitly for the purpose of financing transfers	taxes
		*3=income taxes
	* can be:	*4=consumption taxes or VAT
	i) central government	*5= natural resource revenues
	ii) local government (e.g. a programme financed	*6=social security or poverty
	through a local consumption tax would be <24>	reduction funds
	E. Welfare outco	mes
	Note: information on welfare outcomes to be in	cluded in a future update
monitor	Monitoring and Evaluation systems: This variable	Dummy variable:
	measures whether the programme has developed	0=No
	a monitoring and evaluation system.	1=Yes
Eval	Evaluation: This variable measures whether	
	internal or external experimental or quasi-	Dummy variable:
	experimental research protocols have been	0=No
	implemented to assess the economic and social	1=Yes
	impacts of the programme	
pov	<i>Poverty:</i> This variable documents the impact of	
-	programmes on various income the poverty level	String
	of the beneficiaries	
ineq	<i>Inequality</i> : This variable reports the impact of the	String
	programme on inequality	
work	<u>Work:</u> This variable indicates the impact of the	String
,	programme on access to labor market	5
enrol	<u>Enrolment:</u> This variable indicates the impact of	String
	the programme on school enrolment rate	
atten	<u>Attendance:</u> This variable indicates the impact of	String
	the programme on school attendance rate	
hutil	<u>Health utilisation:</u> This variable indicates the	
	impact of the programme on attendance to health	String
	units and utilisation of healthcare services	
ımmun	<u>Immunisation:</u> This variable indicates the impact	Ct. 1
	of the programme on completed immunisation of	String
	the beneficiaries	
nutri	<u>Nutrition:</u> This variable reports the impact of the	String
comloc	Community (Local Economy outcome) This	
connoc	<u>community/ Local Economy outcome</u> . This	
	variable reports the broader impact of the	String
	programme on target communities and the local	
othimn	Others, This variable reports other outcomes of	
ouninp	the programme which are not covered by shows	String
	listed variables	Sumg
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