



Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

## MEDIA ADVISORY

**What:** High level launching workshop on 'Building an Integrated Safety Net System for the Most Vulnerable Women and Children in Rural and Urban Ethiopia'

**When:** **Thursday, 14 December 2017, from 8:30-17:30**

**Where:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Addis Ababa

**Who:** State Minister of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, UNICEF Representative to Ethiopia, SIDA, high level officials from Amhara and Addis Ababa Bureaus of Labour and Social Affairs, local and international NGOs working in Addis Ababa and Amhara regions, the media and other invited guests.

**Why:** In early October this year, the Government of Sweden provided US\$9.2 million to UNICEF Ethiopia to support a national integrated safety net system for the most vulnerable women and children in both rural and urban parts of the country. The initial phase will provide direct cash support to 1,000 households in Amhara region and 1,000 households in Addis Ababa with the objective to scale up for the 8 million Rural Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) beneficiaries and the envisaged 4.7 million urban poor who are going to benefit from the Urban PSNP. The programme will be implemented from 2017 to 2022.

The programme aims to ensure increased access to a comprehensive package of social protection interventions and services to poor and vulnerable citizens coping with social and economic risks, vulnerabilities and deprivations as well as strengthen the Government's capacity to develop, implement, coordinate and monitor a national, child-sensitive social protection system in the country.

The workshop will bring together relevant government, development partner and NGO stakeholders, under the leadership of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, to agree on initial steps as well as common roles and responsibilities within this multi-year engagement.

***Interviews with dignitaries will be possible***

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