The SPIS Model applies a holistic approach to enhancement of the system of social protection and inclusion of children, through investment in local programmes, development strategies, action plans and services aiming at realizing children rights. The Model works towards:

- Strengthening expertise through investing in building capacities of relevant service providers.
- Encouraging local governments to plan and implement child protection, safety and inclusion strategies and action plans for children.
- Supporting establishing and maintaining comprehensive evidence on the developmental context in a community based on continuous social mapping and monitoring of child rights.
- Ensuring outreach and inclusion of children and young people through participation; and
- Securing adequate support to early childhood development, child protection and inclusive education.

The SPIS Model applies the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and its underlying principles of participation of right holders and capacity building of duty bearers.

The SPIS Model supports the design of action plans for social protection and inclusion of children, while simultaneously strengthening social services and outreach to most vulnerable groups.

The process is supported by continuous review and updating of the evidence base on the status and needs of the target groups.

The SPIS Model empowers children and young people to actively participate and influence decision-making and social processes in their communities. The Model advocates for child and youth rights.

The model encourages cooperation between all actors (government, social service providers, civil society organisations and private sector).

The SPIS Model supports referral mechanism as an integrated approach to developing and applying communication and coordination procedures between all relevant institutions providing social protection and inclusion services for children in a community.

Enhancing social protection and inclusion system towards improvement of lives of children.
The SPIS Model is implemented in two phases:

The Phase 1 concentrates on setting up the model in a community; gathering baseline information on the socio-economic conditions in the community; specific vulnerabilities; legal and institutional framework for social protection and inclusion; and the design of the Municipal Action Plan for social protection and inclusion of Children.

There are three milestones in the implementation of the Phase 1. These are: 1) establishment of the Municipal Management Board; 2) establishment of the evidence base for the design of the Municipal Action Plan on Social protection and inclusion of children (MAP); and 3) adoption of the MAP.

The Phase 2 is multidimensional and involves simultaneous investment in a number of sectors. These sectors are a) the social mapping and monitoring of child rights; b) Early Childhood Development, c) Inclusive Education and d) Child Protection.

The evidence base on children’s state and needs is strengthened through ongoing social mapping under leadership by the MMB. Monitoring of child rights is conducted by local CSOs. Improvement of social services is organised in such a manner that each SPIS Model component (ECD, Inclusive Education, Child Protection) is addressed separately through direct interventions.

The SPIS Model supports a range of intertwining processes:

The SPIS Model ensures integration of interventions within Phase 1 and Phase 2 and their mutual reinforcement and synergies through referral mechanisms and participation of all parties, including children and young people. The SPIS Model invests in strengthening individual and institutional capacities of the decision-makers and service providers through trainings, peer-to-peer exchanges, material support, building links and exchanges with other levels of governance and sectors. At the same time, it builds skills and knowledge of right holders, and empowers them to participate more actively in decision making processes through trainings, Participatory Action Research and community actions.

The SPIS Model invests in communication and advocacy on child rights and social protection and inclusion system for children through a range of campaigns, public events and media presentations of the SPIS Model achievements. To monitor the effects and impacts of the social protection policies and services, the SPIS Model develops and applies efficient M&E of its activities.

The SPIS Model adopts the following principles:

- Respect, protection, fulfilment and promotion of child rights, especially rights of vulnerable and excluded groups.
- Proper targeting of potential beneficiaries and identification of needs and capacity gaps of decision makers and service providers by applying the Human Rights Based Approach.
- Ensuring equitable and good quality social protection and inclusion services to all children in community.
- Empowerment of all stakeholders and gender equality.
- Building capacities of communities, beneficiaries, and government and non-governmental partners during the entire Model implementation process.
- Identification of appropriate and accurate goals, objectives and quantifiable indicators to monitor the effects and impacts of the social protection policies and services.