



Addressing Inequalities through the Sustainable Development Goals

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My Responsibility/Role



- Co-author of UN Task Team Think Piece: [*Addressing inequalities: The heart of the post-2015 agenda and the future we want for all;*](#)
- Contributing author to UN Technical Support Team Issue Brief: [*Promoting Equality, including Social Equity;*](#)
- Co-facilitator of the UNDG [*Addressing Inequalities Global Consultation and Leadership Meeting;*](#)
- Co-chair of UN Technical Support Team Working Group for Goal 10: *Reduce Inequality Within and Among Countries.*
- Co-author of article: [*Investing in All Children: Towards Equitable, Inclusive, and Sustainable Development*](#)

GOAL 10

REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Lessons learnt from the MDGs

Achievements

- Less extreme poverty
- Decline of children's deaths due to preventable diseases
- Increase of the number of boys and girls attending school

Deficiencies

- MDG's focus on national averages as the main measure of progress meant that the most remote, marginalized and vulnerable people in the world were not reached by MDGs
- Growing inequalities and stagnating progress were not adequately measured

SDGs aim: righting that wrong!

18 thematic think pieces

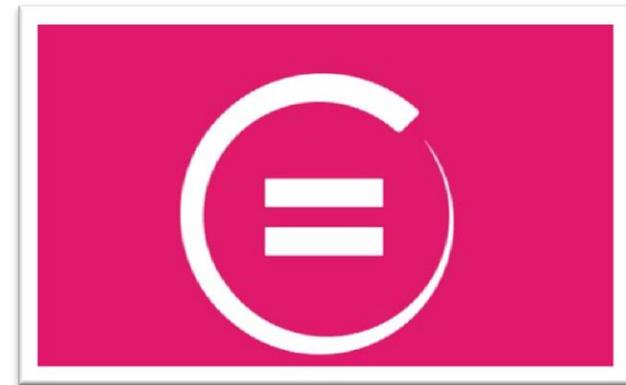
UNICEF's think piece focused on addressing inequalities

“Realizing the future we want”
Report of the UN Task Team

“Leave no one behind”
Report of the Secretary-General's Post-2015 High Level Panel (2013)

Key messages

- Highly unequal societies tend to recover slower from economic downturns and are less successful at sustaining long periods of economic growth.
- Inequalities exacerbate crime, disease and environmental problems.
- Increasing inequalities can also lead to political instability, violence and conflict.
- Well designed and sustained investments in health, nutrition, education and protecting people from have some of the highest returns on investment per dollar spent.



UNICEF's role and approach to SDG 10

- UNICEF was one of the architects of the Post-2015 global consultation on Addressing Inequalities, together with UN Women.
- UNICEF ran a completely public and open online consultation process.
- UNICEF, as part of the UN Technical Support Team, helped the Member States refine targets during the Open Working Group process and are actively helping to shape the discussions around appropriate global indicators to measure inequalities.

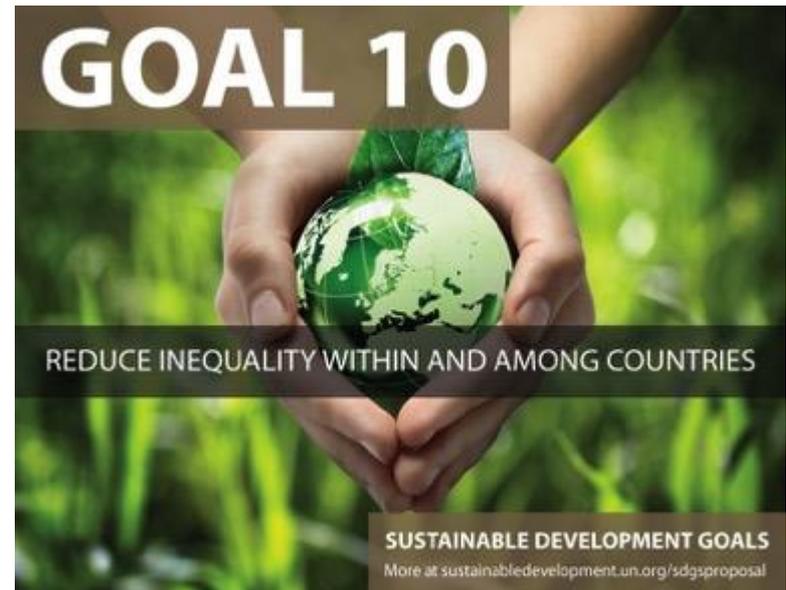
Relevance to the operational work of the UN System

- Provide technical support for more robust collection, analysis and use of disaggregated data in order to track progress among different age, income and social groups as well as gender;
- Assist governments to implement programmes and policies that specifically target and prioritize the most marginalized people;
- Promote the meaningful inclusion of people living in poverty and other marginalized groups in all aspects of development initiatives including planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- Shift harmful social norms, discriminatory practices and biases through *communication for development* initiatives and building awareness among communities regarding their human rights and the practical application of those rights.



More Information

- [Addressing Inequalities Consultation Space](#)
 - [Consultation Synthesis Report](#)
- [UN Task Team Think Piece](#)
- [UN Technical Support Team Issue Brief](#)
- [Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)



Questions to and expectations from UNCTs



- How will the more explicit focus on inequality in the SDGs impact your work at the country level?
- Has your host Government commenced work on planning for the implementation of the SDGs? If so, what are their plans for addressing inequalities?
- What is the current capacity in your country for collection, analysis and use of disaggregated data? Are there other monitoring initiatives that can assist in understanding inequalities in your country (e.g. citizen feedback mechanisms, sentiment surveys, etc.)?

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