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Dear colleagues,

With the new layout of our newsletter and an updated version of our Poverty-Wellbeing Shareweb, we aim to make our work more visible. Visibility is also the main theme featured in this newsletter. How can we make sure we do not overlook the people most vulnerable to poverty in our programmes/projects? While our mandate is to ensure that no one is left behind, our Learning Trajectory 'Global Inequalities' revealed that it is equally important to address inequality by applying a "whole of society"—approach in order to achieve sustainable development.

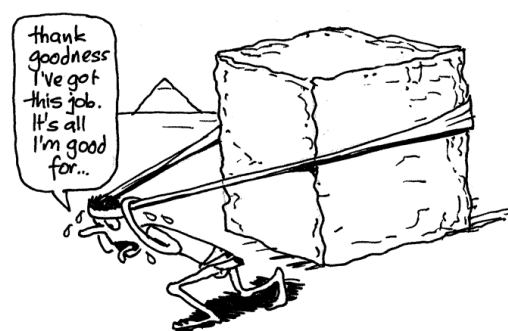
I now wish you an inspiring read!



Anne Moulin, Poverty Reduction and Social Development Adviser, SDC

Invisible Power: 'Poor People' or 'People Living in Poverty'?

Power analysis is well established in twenty-first century development work. Power operates at different levels (local, national, global) and appears in different forms. While most development practitioners are familiar with visible and hidden power, invisible power is much less known. This knowledge gap can be explained by the nature of invisible



power, which is why this power dimension requires special attention.

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Kim Andreas Kessler, Academic Intern, Quality Assurance and Poverty Reduction Section, SDC

The Invisibility of People in Development Projects



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Information from project reports tend to make people invisible by using generic terms such as household, farmers, etc. The first question of interest to development actors is who exactly lives in a household. The second question is in what context these persons live. To know people in a gendered way living in a specific social and economic context fosters empowerment and facilitates a more accurate resource allocation.

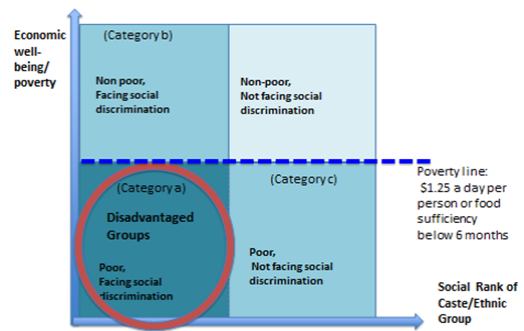
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Felix Fellmann, A+FS Network Focal Point Global Programme Food Security, SDC

Targeting Reviewed

Social discrimination and economic deprivation of a large majority of the population fuelled the armed conflict between the Maoist insurgents and the Nepali state (1996-2006). SDC Nepal responded with interventions designed to better reach out to disadvantaged groups. Slowly, a concept for systematic beneficiary targeting emerged. A decade into this practice, SDC Nepal commissioned a review of the targeting approach.



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Barbara Weyermann, Programme Manager, Embassy of Switzerland in Nepal

Tackling National Inequalities?



Are you working for SDC and would you like to better understand and tackle inequalities? The Quality Assurance and Poverty Reduction Section has

successfully launched a Learning Trajectory on 'Inequalities'. Bolivia, Mozambique, and our Global Programme Food Security have already reviewed their cooperation/thematic strategies from an inequality perspective. Do you wish to join this and other activities in order to strengthen SDC's focus on inequality?

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Upcoming Events

11-12 September 2017

PEGNet Conference 2017:
Understanding National Inequalities



The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2017 places within-country inequality at center stage and will provide a platform for development scholars and policy makers to reflect on the measurement, drivers, and consequences of national inequalities as well as policies to reduce them. It will take place from 11-12 September 2017 at NADEL, ETH Zürich.

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17-18 October 2017

"Cities in Global Agendas" and
"Migration and Cities" Event



Taking place on 17 and 18 October 2017, [Cities Alliance](#) and SDC are jointly organizing the event 'Cities in Global Agendas' (17 October) and "Migration and Cities" (18 October). The event gathers the Swiss Development Community with Cities Alliance Members in order to promote the role of cities in the Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda. Beginning of 2017, SDC became member of the Cities Alliance with an initial focus on the interrelations of urbanization and migration.

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Urban-Rural Dynamics Learning Journey



Case Studies

The Learning Journey Urban-Rural Dynamics began in 2017 and joins forces of Global and South Cooperation. In this first year, a special focus is put on five case studies on urban-rural dynamics in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Haiti and the Mekong region. In all five contexts, new cooperation strategies are currently being elaborated.

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Issue Paper 'SDC's Future Engagement in Urban Contexts'

In 2016, the South Cooperation domain initiated a reflection process on the future positioning of SDC in urban contexts, involving all SDC domains, plus SECO. The process resulted in an [Issue Paper](#) which was presented to the SDC Board of Directors in June 2017. The paper recommends that SDC engages more actively and more systematically in urban contexts by proposing a clear focus on functional rural-urban areas and:

- Urban Governance
- Economic Development and Decent Employment
- Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development

as three interlinked areas of work. These areas are most relevant for sustainable and inclusive urbanization processes and for reducing both rural and urban poverty.

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Exclusive **IDS** Support for **SDC** Field Offices

Did you know that SDC field offices and operational units can request exclusive support from IDS experts for activities around poverty and inequality?

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