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EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Poverty-Wellbeing Team 2017! While progress has been made in reducing income poverty, recent data reminds us that inequality within countries continues to grow significantly. This emphasizes that poverty and inequality, both cross-cutting themes with multiple dimensions, must be addressed hand in hand. We are looking forward to continue this work with all of you in 2017 and now wish you an inspiring read with the latest news from our Poverty-Wellbeing Shareweb!

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POVERTY-WELLBEING TEAM 2017

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LATEST NEWS

P20 Initiative: Focus on people, not poverty lines…

SDG 1 targets the eradication of poverty for all people under the overarching aim to leave no one behind. Today, the central debate is about how to achieve this and how to ensure that no one is excluded from global progress. Development Initiatives has worked out the project "P20 Initiative". With a particular focus on poor people itself rather than poverty lines, the P20 Initiative aims to track the poorest 20% of the world's population until 2030. Read more »

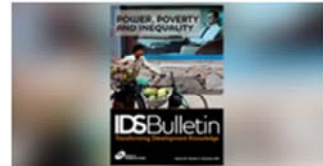Kim Andreas Kessler, Academic Intern, Quality Assurance and Poverty Reduction Section, SDC

An Economy for the 99%

On time with the opening of the World Economic Forum 2017 in Davos, Oxfam's report "An Economy for the 99%" made international news headlines: New estimates show that eight men own the same wealth as the poorest 50 percent of the world's population. Yet, what is needed is a discussion beyond this figure which addresses the question how inequality can be effectively tackled and how we can keep on track with SDG 10. Oxfam strongly argues to shift from a neoliberal system driving inequality and designed for the rich to get richer to a human economy that works for all people. Learn more »

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Challenging Inequalities: pathways to a just world

Much has been made of the recent Oxfam figures on wealth and inequality, stimulating discussions about statistics and the efficacy of shock headlines. Whilst there has been some debate over exactly how inequality is measured and publicised, it is widely recognised that it is

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IDS Bulletin on power, poverty and inequality

Ten years after the landmark 2006 issue that brought us the Powercube - a practical approach to power analysis that offers a way of confronting its complexity – the IDS Bulletin returns to the question of how to analyse and act on power in development. Funded by SDC as part of the Collaboration between SDC-QA and IDS, this issue focusses on the ways in which invisible power helps perpetuate injustice and widen inequalities.
Some 14 contributors, engaged in various areas of development work, come together to explore these dynamics and make recommendations for how to reverse the negative effects of invisible power through unsettling the normal and making visible the unacceptable. **Learn more »**

Microinsurances

Simon Zbinden introduces the idea of microinsurances for small scale farmers. To watch the video and learn more information on microinsurances and social protection, **click here »**

Linking Poverty Reduction and Climate Change

Natural disasters are a greater obstacle to ending global poverty than previously understood. This is the warning message of the latest report published under the World Bank Climate Change and Development Series. While traditional approaches reduce natural disasters to their monetary impact and represent only those wealthy enough to have something to lose, this report proposes a new measure for assessing disaster-related damages and suggests a "resilience policy" package in order to

extreme, multi-dimensional and is having profoundly negative consequences across the world. 'Reduce inequality within and among countries' is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. At the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, whose mission was 'Improving the state of the world', income inequality was very much on the agenda. Yet inequality is about more than just income. Gender, race, ethnicity, culture, environment and political voice all play a part, as does who gets to decide how inequalities are defined, framed and addressed. Learn more »

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Social Exclusion and Access to Social Protection Schemes

There is a growing interest in social protection among development agents, particularly those concerned with poverty alleviation. What can cause people being excluded from social protection schemes? Referring to different dimensions of social exclusion, Stephen Kidd published a comprehensive paper which follows this question and suggests potential strategies to address the challenges of exclusion from social protection schemes. Learn more »

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reduce 'poor' people's vulnerability to natural disasters. **Learn more »**

EADI NORDIC Conference 2017: Globalisation at the Crossroads

Are you keen to reflect on globalisation and tackle inequalities? The EADI NORDIC Conference 2017 "Globalisation at the Crossroads – Rethinking Inequalities and Boundaries" addresses a series of development challenges around processes of (anti-)globalisation. Join this triennial conference in Bergen, Norway, from 21 – 23 August 2017. **Visit conference website »**

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