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### Urban poverty: what consequences for SDC's South Cooperation?

Today, approximately 25 % of the world's poor live in urban areas. This part will increase to 50 % by 2040. In view of such trends, SDC's South Cooperation (SC) launched a reflection on the consequences for SC's strategic positioning: Should SDC (SC) engage in a more substantive way in urban settings and if so, how? A core group (all SDC domains represented) meets in July in a workshop to elaborate first recommendations. IDS's research cluster "cities" is also involved and produced already two briefs on a) facts on urban poverty and b) mapping of key development actors in urban contexts. Results of an internal light-mapping of existing "urban" activities (SDC and SECO) will be soon available, too. The workshop results will result in a position paper that will in September be consulted within a broader reflection group. [Read full note](#) or visit [Urban Poverty Working Group page](#) »



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### RECOMMENDED »



Webinar video "Getting the 'buy in': Fostering political will for social accountability initiatives" (Took place on Wednesday June 15, 2016, 10:00 am EST).

Why is political will for social accountability lacking? What can we, as citizens, civil society actors, elected representatives, and government officials, do to build broad-based support for social accountability? This webinar sought answers to these crucial questions. [Learn more about this webinar](#) »



### Women's Empowerment in Roma Communities: a learning process

On an Advisor initiative, and with the support of IDS, a learning process began in April 2015 at the Bucharest seminar on Roma Inclusion. Two learning trajectories proposed by Nonprofit Organisations (NPOs) in charge of this theme were set up on different topics: Discrimination and Women's Empowerment. The idea was to share experiences and knowledge through documents, discussions between peers, interviews and reflection on field visits. The major goals of this learning process are to broaden the understanding of each subject and to understand the intermediaries' role. To achieve this the groups met seven times, via Lync, between October 2015 and May 2016. [Learn more](#) »



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"Poverty" as defined in the Poverty-Wellbeing Shareweb is not confined to: lack of economic resources, but also to absence of the wider means to live in dignity. Being poor is thus multidimensional, encompassing vulnerability and discrimination, and is relevant in situations of humanitarian or economic transition as it is in more general development discourse. More 896 million people in the world live in extreme poverty, and 2.1 billion live on less than 3.1 \$ a day, yet the concern and needs of very poor people continue feature insufficiently in the design of development policies. [Read more](#) »



### Understanding poverty - key concepts (poverty brief)

This brief summarizes the main concepts around poverty, social exclusion, vulnerability and inequality. It introduces different ways of understanding and measuring poverty - ranging from absolute, income-based definitions to multi-dimensional ones. The article explains SDC's understanding of poverty. It also states that no single correct definition of poverty exists, but that we need to include particular social, cultural and historical contexts and that policy implication differs according to the definition of poverty. [Download Poverty Brief](#) (PDF, 311kb, EN), and [References](#) (PDF, 92kb, EN). Learn more about ["Understanding Poverty"](#) »



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### Leave no one behind – Discrimination, Exclusion and the 2030 Agenda

On 22 June 2016, a panel of experts addressed the implications of the leave-no-one-behind commitment in the 2030 Agenda and its links to discrimination and exclusion. The public event took place at SDC headquarters and was introduced by Thomas Greminger, Deputy Director-General of SDC. [Read more](#) »



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