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How to strengthen SDC's impact on poverty reduction in Mongolia?

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SDC's Cooperation Office in Mongolia organized a workshop on poverty alleviation with its partners to more explicitly integrate poverty reduction in its programme and projects. Around 22% of the

population in Mongolia lives in poverty. As in many other countries, inequalities are on the rise. Thus, despite an impressive social protection system benefitting half of the population with a generous 3% percent of GDP put on cash transfers for social welfare in 2013, state revenues are still unequally distributed amongst the citizens, and the poorest tend to benefit less. Read more »

Recommended

<u>Time to end extreme</u> poverty

Measuring and analyzing poverty

Trends in Global Poverty

Multidimensionality of Poverty

SDGs, Land Rights and Poverty

By Jane Carter



After all the reflections, discussions and high level negotiations, the SDGs are approved (1). National governments and the development community have a clear framework for action, and Switzerland can feel

proud in having particularly supported a focus on overall health; gender equality; access to clean water and sanitation; and peaceful societies.

Although a much smaller event than the UN summit, an important international gathering took place in Bern (30 Sep - 1 Oct, 2015), for people working on a topic that is integrally related to poverty and inequality: the ownership and governance of land and resources. The Bern conference, co-hosted by the Rights and Resources Initiative, the International Land Coalition, Oxfam and HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, called for action on putting rights to land and natural resources into the hands of local communities and indigenous peoples. Read more

Beneficiary Assessment Package

- « Why BA » « How to organize a BA »
- « BA Tools & Templates » « BA Reports & Further Resources »



We are happy to announce that the

Beneficiary Assessment (BA) resources on our website have been reorganised and augmented into the BA Pack! The goal is to make it easier for you to get a clear idea of what BA is, and how to go about organising one. In addition to the various reports of BAs done around the world, there are new templates for planning and implementing a BA, including budgeting, process planning, contracting and training of community researchers. There are also reflections from different BA stakeholders on the added value of BA in specific contexts, as well as the previously available resources from f2f capitalisation meetings. We hope the new look and feel is more practical and useful for everyone who wants to explore this participatory approach to project and programme assessment aimed at getting the real perspectives of primary stakeholders on development interventions. Access the BA Pack here »

New section: Poverty, Politics and Power



We are pleased to announce that the Poverty, Politics and Power section of the Poverty Wellbeing Shareweb site is now active! Here you will find details of the work of the

SDC-<u>IDS</u> (Institute of Development Studies) Collaboration which will include resources, news, shared learnings and information about activities.

Now in its second phase, this Collaboration aims to improve the quality and effectiveness of SDC processes and operations focused on poverty. IDS will work with SDC staff, headquarters and country offices to keep them up to speed with evolving understandings of the nature and dynamics of poverty, vulnerability and exclusion. It will assist them in gaining a better understanding of poverty and vulnerability, and make the role of politics and power in the context of poverty more transparent.

The Collaboration will be using an 'organisational learning and change' approach to accompanying SDC activities, which will be rooted in the realities of SDC's work and will support SDC staff in their everyday work. This joint effort will be reflected in the website over the next two years or so and we hope you will find it useful: we welcome your feedback! If you are interested in taking up the opportunity of IDS support and accompaniment, please contact Anne Moulin SDC-QA, for further information. Financial resources are available to cover costs.

For more information, see this video and visit the Shareweb page »

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