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Dear colleagues,

What does the SDGs imperative to ‘Leave no one behind’ mean for development practitioners? The SDC is currently developing a working tool on ‘Leave no one behind’ to operationalise this principle.

Working on the tool, different questions have come up: is it better to mainstream inclusion or to **target the poor**? What is our role in getting **rid of ultra-poverty**? And what should **equality** really look like? In this edition, you will find reflections on these topics, complemented with a video by Winnie Byanyima on **how much inequality we can live with**. Furthermore, we invite you to read our summary of the Oxfam report ‘**Reward Work, not Wealth**’.

Remember that this newsletter and our shareweb are open for contributions. If you want to submit an article for publication, just let us know.

Enjoy the reading!



Anne Moulin, Poverty Reduction and Social Development Adviser, SDC



## Why poverty targeting might not be the right thing to do

After a year-long research project on poverty and child well-being in Indonesia, Development Pathways' researcher Bjorn Gelders draws five lessons learnt on poverty dynamics. These reflections have broad and important implications for the design of development programmes and question in particular the relevance of narrow targeting approaches.



Justine Boillat, SDC

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## Let's Rid the World of Ultra-Poverty!

Around the globe, 193 nations have committed to Sustainable Development

especially since 80% of it is in just 14 countries. But will we? Let's look at the obstacles and the opportunities in front of us.



Anne Hastings, Uplift

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## Outcomes or opportunities: what should equality really look like?

“Inequality is under attack – but what should equality really look like?” This is the question asked by a recent article of the Guardian’s Inequality Project. The author argues that equality will only be achieved if we shift the focus from inequalities of opportunity to inequalities of outcomes: “we need to move away from the tired lies of “equality of opportunity”, “meritocracy” and “social mobility”. Instead, we need to work for equality in terms of actual results and outcomes”. This echoes an ongoing debate on the notion of inequality and how development practitioners should address it.

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## REWARD WORK, NOT WEALTH

To end the inequality crisis, we must build an economy for ordinary working people, not the rich and powerful.

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## Oxfam Inequality Report

In its newest report on inequality, Oxfam published 'Reward work, not wealth'. It looks at extreme wealth and the situation of poor workers and explores the causes of inequality. The report also contains Oxfam's recommendations on how to tackle the inequality crisis.



Fabienne Burkhalter, SDC

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## How much inequality can we live with?



At the 2017 IMF's annual meeting, Winnie Byanyima of Oxfam gave a speech on "How much inequality can we live with?" She asks how much inequality is "right" and shares her thoughts about the need to reduce inequality and redistribution.

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