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“Native communities: bridging local initiatives  
and top-down programs. Experiences from  
Mexico”

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# Setting the scene, Mexico 2012

## Native population 10%

Poor:	72.3%	Poor:	42.6%
Extremely poor	30.6	Extremely poor:	7.6
Setback Education	34.1	Setback education	7.6
Lack health services	24.3	Lack health services	21.2
Lack social security	81.0	Lack Social Sec.	59.1
Poor house quality	34.3	Poor house quality	11.3
House services	59.7	Poor house S.	17.1
Food insecurity	34.4	Food insecurity	22.1
Income below mw	42.4	Income below mw	17.7
Chronic malnutrition	33.1	Chronic malnutrition	13.6
Non indigenous people	100 million		

Source: CONEVAL. Medición de la pobreza



# Indigenous people's rights Are they well defined - applied?

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- The Constitution recognizes the Nation's multicultural character originally based on its indigenous peoples
- Article 2<sup>o</sup> of the Constitution gives indigenous peoples' rights a constitutional rank. (already recognized by the ILO Convention No.169)
- The Constitution recognizes the indigenous peoples and communities their right to free determination and autonomy
- **HOWEVER**, "recognition of peoples and indigenous communities will be done by the constitutions and laws of the federal states"
- Federal states and their laws will define the characteristics of the indigenous peoples 'autonomy.
- Indigenous peoples are not subjects of public law.



# What are their sources of income?

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- Staple crops for own consumption
  - Commercial crops (coffee)
  - Forestry – environmental services
  - Seasonal migrant farm work
  - Children and women rural work
  - Construction
  - Handicrafts
  - Remittances
  - Public cash transfers
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# Programs top-down

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- Federal, (state and municipal) resources/programs
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Improving production and productivity
- Education
- Cash-transfers (Prospera)
  - KEY ISSUES:
    - Production and Social policies: Is there a linkage?
    - Who is the beneficiary: individual, household, or the community?



# Communication – consultation process with local initiatives

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To additionally consider:

- Indigenous people´ right to define their own priorities
- People values and language (risk management)
- Traditional knowledgment
- Power and divergence of interests at the local level
- Basis of leadership
- Cooperation/participation –on what basis?
- Territorial approach vs sectorial limited vision
- Participation costs: transfers from public to local beneficiaries
- For government to induce, consult, listen, coordinate, build



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