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2015 – SDGs and Child Poverty

For the first time
• ‘children’ are mentioned in poverty goal
• Poverty goal includes ‘multi-dimensional’
• Social protection mentioned in poverty goal
• Goals are UNIVERSAL – EU/OECD/G20

Our priorities
1.1. By 2030 eradicate ‘extreme poverty’ ($1.90 2011 ppp per capita)
1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions
1.3 Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable
Review to assess a ‘Universal’ Agenda

EU reflections on how to develop assistance on such agenda essential and very welcome

Our own review is to help change emphasis from ‘describing/measuring/ conceptualising’ child poverty to achieving poverty reduction

1. Reviewing current practice across HICs and Developing World
2. Reviewing MD poverty measures
3. Reviewing survey data sources
4. Forming new partnerships with global ‘poverty reduction’ agencies (World Bank, UNDP, OECD)
5. Form new ‘global coalition’ for advocacy on Goal 1 Poverty and children

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**Global review country level practice**
(responses from UNICEF offices in 2015 from 148 HICs and DCs):

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**Can we shift to the right globally?**
Child Poverty indicators (how best to align with SDG indicators and universal agenda)

NPL child poverty
• National monetary poverty line – children in NPL poor households - data for 90 countries (48 validated)

Extreme Poverty ($ppp per capita – $1.90)
• First estimates for children should be available by end 2015

MD Child Poverty (developing countries)
• Independent review by EU JRC COIN of MODA, MPI and Bristol

MD Child Poverty for HICs & Emerging Economies?
• EU-SILC material deprivation index – excellent development work by EUROSTAT & Academics

Clearer ability to align poverty measurement for emerging economies -> MIC to HIC status
• Consumption to Income
• Absolute to Relative
• Equivalence scales: from per-capita to OECD or similar
What can we see about child deprivation alongside monetary poverty in developing countries’ surveys?

Big Picture - Results across 121 Developing Countries

We need to extend to OECD/EU and other HICs and see what is available…
Global Partners – poverty practice

**World Bank**
- Joint profile of children in extreme poverty – global in 2012 & > WDI
- Aim to work on poverty assessment guidance and implementation and SCDs

**UNDP**
- Human Development Report Office – peer work with Statisticians on MPI
- Bureau for Policy and Programme Support : global and country level co-ordination

**LIS**
- Analysing Child poverty in MICs and expanding LIS to developing world

**OECD**
- Social Policy & Development Groups:
  - Trends in CP and decomposing to identify ‘drivers’
  - What works in child poverty reduction -> with emerging economies

**EU**
- EU social policy (child investment and social inclusion) – how to link to Emerging Economies & Developing world?”
Towards the End of Child Poverty

A JOINT STATEMENT BY PARTNERS UNITED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD POVERTY

“The face of poverty might change from one place to the next, but how poverty is felt is the same.”

YOUTH GROUP, NEW YORK, CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE OF THE WORLD’S CHILDREN, CHILDREN IN AN URBAN WORLD, P.43

Eradicating child poverty is one of the world’s most important and urgent tasks. This stage makes them more vulnerable to its devastating effects with potential lifelong consequences for their physical, cognitive, and social development. While...
Growing Global Coalition and ‘Supporters’