


Eradicating Poverty, Particularly Among Children and Women: Facing Systemic Challenges in a New Way

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“As connected as the world is now, we need to advance micro-local experiences in order to overcome poverty -- in particular for women, children, adolescents and all disadvantaged groups – enabling them to bloom, to expand and be self-sustaining and sustainable.”

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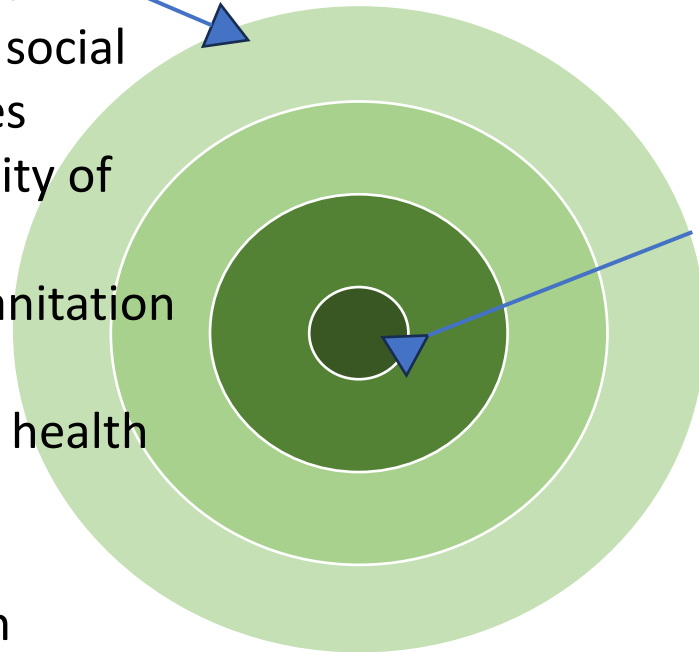
Today's Topic: Eliminating Poverty

- ✓ Enhance current social programs through top-down and bottom-up collaboration
- ✓ Empower children and women through voice and participation
- ✓ Create public space for inclusion and inequality reduction
- ✓ Develop community-based, policy-driven social monitoring programs
- ✓ Foster knowledge creation and dissemination

Enhancing Social Programs: Top-Down, Bottom-Up Collaboration

Top Down:

- ✓ Develop child- and woman-sensitive social protection policies
- ✓ Enhance the quality of public services:
 - ✓ Water and sanitation
 - ✓ Health and reproductive health
 - ✓ Childcare
 - ✓ Education
- ✓ Ensure protection systems for children and women



Bottom Up:

- ✓ Micro opportunities
- ✓ Local initiatives
- ✓ Entrepreneurial start ups
- ✓ Community-based programming
- ✓ Grass roots initiatives
- ✓ Participatory decision-making

Empower Children and Women through Voice and Participation

- ✓ Foster informal, grass roots networks
- ✓ Use technology to shine a light on women and children's stories
- ✓ Build the storytelling component of shared experience
- ✓ Create systemic representation of participant

Create Public Space for Inclusion and Inequality Reduction

- ✓ Develop public space with safe play for all
- ✓ Distribute public space resources equitably
- ✓ Enhance intergenerational interactions and activities
- ✓ Replicate successful public space models for all

Develop Community-based, Policy-driven Social Monitoring Programs

- ✓ Create local systems that allow communities & organizations to monitor social conditions
- ✓ Foster accountability of relevant actors at each level
- ✓ Promote collaborative interventions

Foster Knowledge Creation and Dissemination

- ✓ Give space to the knowledge and solutions of those living in poverty
- ✓ Promote merging their knowledge with academics, policy makers and others
- ✓ Overcome the lack of information about non-material deprivations and discrimination
- ✓ Increase the use of child multidimensional measures for policy allocation
- ✓ Improve the analysis and use of evidence

“Intelligently explore the lessons from the past while resisting the lure of hindsight and the illusion of certainty” Daniel Kahneman

“You can’t always get what you want. But if you try sometime, you just might find, you get what you need.”
Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones

Many thanks!



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