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Since many of our priorities have already been mentioned, I will focus on two points, one is a gap and one is a priority.

Before beginning, I should point out that ATD Fourth World's positions are based off a two-year international participatory research project evaluating the MDGs which included over 2,000 people living in poverty. The principle "leave no one behind" actually spawned from this research which found that anti-poverty programmes too often exclude the poorest people in communities affected by poverty.

This phenomenon is further illustrated in a wealth of research that highlights gaps in performance between the lowest quintile and the remainder of national populations, in all countries.

So, we highly support the proposal found throughout the post 2015 discussion stating that **"no target should be considered met unless met by all relevant social and income groups"**. The proposal is rooted in the high level panel, has been echoed by civil society, reflected in the synthesis report of the secretary-general and adopted by many member states.

That being said, we worry about the arbitrariness or lack of comparability in the identification of 'relevant social and income groups'. For this reason we encourage member states to consider a wording like "no target should be considered **met unless met by the lowest quintile of the population**". We expect that quintile disaggregation will be a key component of the data revolution and thus find this wording more appropriate in implementation and review.

Moving to the gap, we find that this agenda has failed to adequately address the participation of people, particularly those living in most extreme poverty, in the articulation of the policies that affect them. To this end, there is still an opportunity to include participatory monitoring and accountability as a vital component of the agenda's review mechanism.

For ATD Fourth World, the strength of this agenda will be its capacity to reach those who have never been reached before. Through proper disaggregation of data, attention to the most excluded, indicators that respect human rights and participation this agenda can unleash the power of people living in poverty.