

OWG 10: Comments from Ireland/Denmark/Norway on Poverty Eradication and Promotion of Equality

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FA 1 Poverty Eradication

- We welcome the text on Poverty Eradication which reflects several of the important aspects that should be addressed in achieving poverty eradication.
- **We support a strong headline goal and targets for the eradication of poverty, ensuring a focus on extreme poverty.**
- We support the call for addressing inequalities at national and international levels.
- **The majority of the poor are women. Addressing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment is therefore crucial if we are to eradicate poverty.** We need targets on removing barriers which prevent women's enjoyment of their equal rights and opportunities.
- Targets developed under this and all other focus areas should build on the standards and principles of human rights.
- The goal should address the **multidimensional character** of poverty.
- We must eradicate poverty through sustainable development. All people rely on natural resources and their ecosystem services for their livelihoods. To make sure poverty is eradicated in an irreversible manner, strategies for economic growth must be both inclusive and sustainable.
- In order to ensure that no-one is left behind and reduce inequality we must **assure the participation of the poor and marginalised in inclusive decision making processes.**
- **We think that an effective goal on Poverty Eradication must address Disaster Risk Reduction.** It should include climate smart targets which build resilience for the poorest across all three dimensions of sustainable development.
- **The Poverty Eradication goal must ensure actions which promote peaceful, non-violent and inclusive societies** as increasingly the majority of the worlds extreme poor live in conflict affected and fragile conditions.
- **Disaggregated data is required to measure and prioritise progress and reduce disparities in the performance of the extreme poor, women, marginalised groups and countries.** For example income and consumption measurements of poverty must be complemented by robust proxy measurements of impact, such as child mortality or malnutrition.

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FA 12 Equality

- We welcome the text on The Promotion of Equality which reflects many of the important aspects that should be addressed to achieve poverty eradication.
- We strongly support the proposed actions to reduce all discriminatory practices and ensuring equality including in economic opportunities.
- We also are pleased to see actions supporting gender equality and the empowerment of marginalized groups.
- We lack a clear reflection of Human Rights within this focus area and they should be embedded across action points.
- The new framework must have targets on inclusive governance and accountability. This is vital to ensure that effective public policy and resource allocation, economic governance and trade, service delivery and natural resources contribute to reducing inequality.
- New actions to reduce inequality must recognise that the recent pasts' explosive growth in inequality has its origins in exclusionary growth; addressing inequality means that growth and economic transformation processes must be inclusive and pro-poor with appropriate targets and disaggregated measurement to determine progress.
- Success in eradicating poverty and in reducing inequality will depend on how well the Post 2015 framework is implemented. This must be underpinned by the principle of leaving no one behind.