Leaving No One Behind with SDGs

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An Uncomfortable Truth

Despite recent progress, around 16,000 children under five will die today and 250 million school-age children are missing out on learning.

Reaching EVERY LAST CHILD

Exclusion: A Child-Centred Approach

Why are children excluded?

The Child
- A child's self-confidence and agency is affected by the actions or inactions of households, communities, and entrepreneurial leaders. Ensuring a child's safety and allowing them to meaningfully participate in society will help ensure accountability to excluded children.

Household
- Poverty
- Culture/gender norms which affect power dynamics
- Mother/caregiver not educated

Local
- Limited access to free and quality health, education, and protection services
- Neocolonial and poor transport infrastructure
- Institutional discrimination within local services
- Marginalization/cultural norms
- Ethnic and customary laws
- Development projects which harm excluded groups and their livelihoods
- Threat of displacement/community conflict

National
- Growth not inclusive
- Under-funding (national budgets etc.)
- Exclusion from markets
- Lack of (informed) discriminatory laws
- Excluded groups not visible in data and policy
- Lack of accountability to excluded groups
- Land rights abuse and/or expropriation
- Conflict
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International
- Economic ideologies which promote inequalities
- Under-funding – tax, debt
- Abuse or insufficient norms and accountability mechanisms established through conventions, charters and declarations
- Lack of awareness of excluded groups
- Under-trade deals

Guaranteeing All Children:
1. Fair Finance
2. Equal Treatment
3. Accountability to Children
An unprecedented opportunity for transformation

Unfinished agenda of MDGs
- Poverty, health, education, gender, water

Environmental goals
- Responsible consumption and production, climate change, biodiversity

Economic agenda
- Decent work, industry, infrastructure, income equality

Peace and governance
- Ending violence

Global partnership

Integrated approach
- Integration of social, environmental, and economic issues

Universality
- Universal goals for all countries

Inclusiveness
- Leave No One Behind

Participation
- Participation of all stakeholders

Accountability
- Transparency and accountability of all stakeholders
But Leaving No One Behind cannot be attained by just repeating the phrase.

Campaigning for “Leave No One Behind”

GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY STATEMENT:
NO TARGET MET UNLESS MET FOR ALL

Inequalities are not an inevitable outcome of development progress. If we are to recognize the truly transformative potential of the new sustainable development framework we must embed equity at its core.

No one must be left behind by virtue of their gender, age, disability, income, geography or ethnicity.

We, the undersigned organizations, urge the United Nations Secretary General to include an explicit commitment in his Synthesis Report on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda that no target should be considered met unless it is met for all social and economic groups.

Putting Promise into Action
How can Science Centers/Museums contribute to Leave No One Behind?

From Tokyo Protocol:
...Acknowledging that nearly 3000 science centres and science museums that influence more than 310 million visitors and participants are deeply committed to raising awareness and helping all members of society to be participants in the solutions achievable to meet these goals for our planet...

◆ STAND for common values
◆ SHOW the reality
◆ PRIORITIZE the most deprived, excluded people/children
◆ MOBILIZE people to ACT
◆ UTILIZE technology and innovation for the most underprivileged
◆ INVEST in data and dissemination
◆ COLLABORATE with international and local civil society organizations
◆ GIVE children a voice on “the world we want”

Most shocking second a day video
https://youtu.be/Aa3o7vWG93w
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