

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: PATHWAY TO EQUITY?

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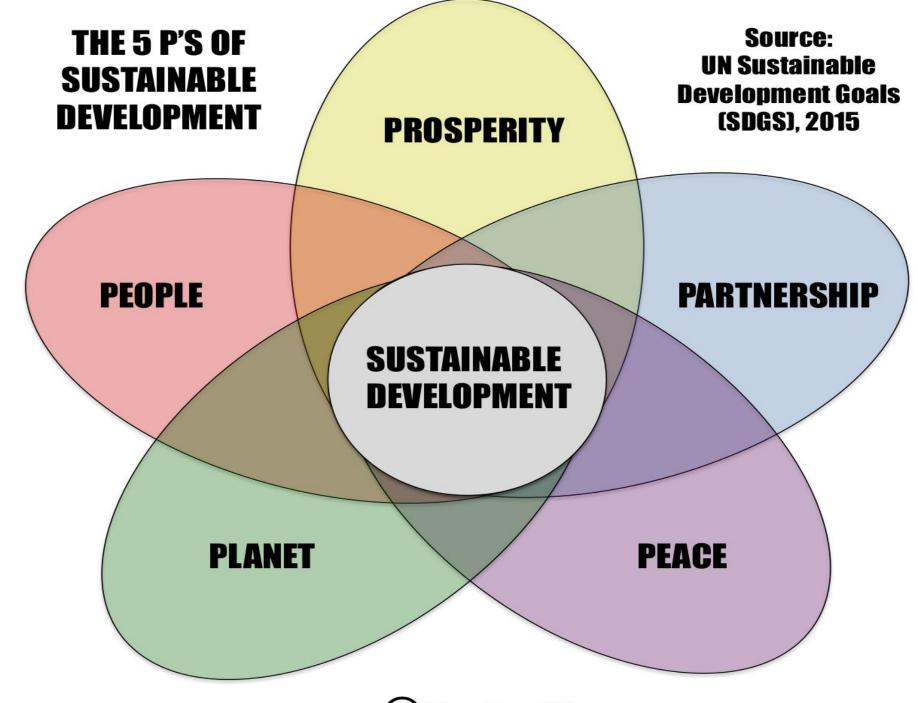
1990 Millennium Declaration - grand vision 'to free people from extreme poverty and want' truncated in translation

Mixed performance on MDGs - huge unmet agenda

- MDG indicators conceptual insights of Millennium
 Declaration not translated in action
- Narrow tunnel vision on indicators
- Developed countries did not deliver on commitments for Goal 8 affected resource flows for MDG achievement
- Uneven progress poverty goal in sub-Saharan Africa not reached, high proportion of undernourished children in South Asia and Africa
- In 2015 800 million in extreme poverty 850 hungry people globally
- Conflict led to displacement of 60 million people by end 2014

SDGs not mere extension of MDGs: Paradigm shift for 'Sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all'

- Wider range of dimensions: 17 Goals and 169 targets
- Unprecedented participatory process: CSOs,
 Academics, think tanks, Open Working Group, Intergovernmental committee
- Focus on distribution: 'Leave no one behind', 'Reach the farthest first'
- More integrated and interlinked: based on 3 pillars of economic, social and environmental dimensions to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all



Separate SDG Goal 10 'Reducing Inequality' included to address rising inequality within countries

During 1990 and 2012

- Within country income inequality in disposable income increased in 65/130 countries accounting for two thirds of world population
- Income share of top 20% increased in 61/111 countries
- Between country gini coefficient in 2010 at 58% higher than 45% in 1990 despite decline in 2000s

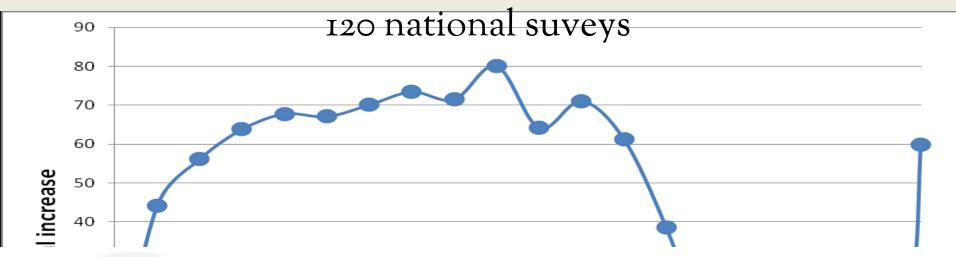
Source: UNDESA 2013

Inequality a concern also for developed countries

- Financial crisis 2007-08 crisis led to increase in inequalities – recovery phase benefited rich disproportionately
- PEW research Centre analysis between 2009-11 aggregate net worth of top 7% rose by 28% whereas for bottom 93% it declined by 4% in the USA
- Milanovic 2016 famous elephant shaped curve depicts between 1988-2008, no gain in real incomes for bottom percentile and 70-90 percentile in global distribution of income

Milanovic Elephant curve

Change in real income 1988-2008 at various percentiles of global income distribution (in 2005 international dollars)



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