



TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE LIVES

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Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges

Conclusions and recommendations from the Report of the Secretary-General on the 2017 ECOSOC main theme (E/2017/64)

Throughout the 2017 ECOSOC cycle, the ECOSOC system, including its functional commissions and other expert bodies, and the United Nations development system, have offered a broad range of policy messages on poverty eradication. At the national level, eradicating poverty requires efforts from all parts of government to construct a broad set of mutually reinforcing policies and strategies, and leverage the synergies between them.

Many countries have been implementing comprehensive and integrated strategies for poverty eradication. Others have established governance mechanisms to coordinate and create synergies among line-ministries. Some have pursued strategies that consolidate poverty eradication programmes into one ministry. Some countries have integrated a multidimensional approach to poverty eradication in their development plans.

To advance successful policies for eradicating poverty in all its forms, the report offers the following conclusions and recommendations.

1. ***Embracing multidimensional approaches as reflected in the 2030 Agenda:*** The Agenda recognizes that poverty is multidimensional, and comes in different forms. The achievement of the interrelated SDGs and their targets will depend on the ability and willingness of countries, and their development partners, to harness those linkages.
2. ***Improving data and continuing research:*** Strengthened and increased collection, dissemination and use of data, as well as qualitative and quantitative research, are needed.
3. ***Advancing inclusive growth:*** A coherent set of policies at the national level are needed to support inclusive, broad-based economic growth.
4. ***Integrating social protection policies:*** Inclusive and broad-based growth must be bolstered and complemented by social protection.

5. ***Enhancing inclusion:*** Concrete measures to enhance inclusion should be taken as part of poverty eradication efforts, including through the establishment of participatory processes.
6. ***Meeting the demand for food:*** Sustainable land management policies should be employed to integrate land, water, biodiversity and environmental management to meet rising food demands.
7. ***Supporting capacity development for climate change:*** National action, development cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships can support capacity development for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
8. ***Effectively directing international cooperation:*** International cooperation should be geared to promote coherence among different poverty eradication strategies and activities, facilitate inclusive cross-sector partnerships and provide capacity support.
9. ***Leaving no one behind:*** Leaving no one behind means directing targeted assistance and providing sufficient resources and support.
10. ***Enabling open dialogue:*** ECOSOC should provide clear direction and leadership, including in creating and realigning incentives for promoting synergy and collaboration in efforts towards eradicating poverty.
11. ***Promoting knowledge-sharing and mutual learning:*** The Council should also promote dialogue and knowledge-sharing among all actors generating policy options for eradication of multidimensional poverty.