SDG1: *End poverty in all its forms everywhere*?

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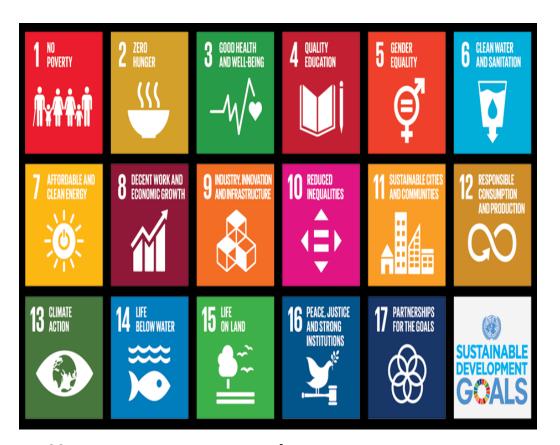
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What is poverty?

Absolute, poverty lines

- SDG target 1.1

    By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than $1.25 a day

- Global declining *but rising inequality*

- Relative (time, place, within & across societies, inequalities)

- Multidimensional

    - SDG Goal 1: ending poverty *in all its forms*

        - Target 1.2: By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in *poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions.*

Some core dimensions

- Income
- Housing
- Education
- Food
- Energy
- Health & well-being
- Cumulative <-> capabilities
  - Indices (Nolan, Whelan et al, Alkire & Foster)
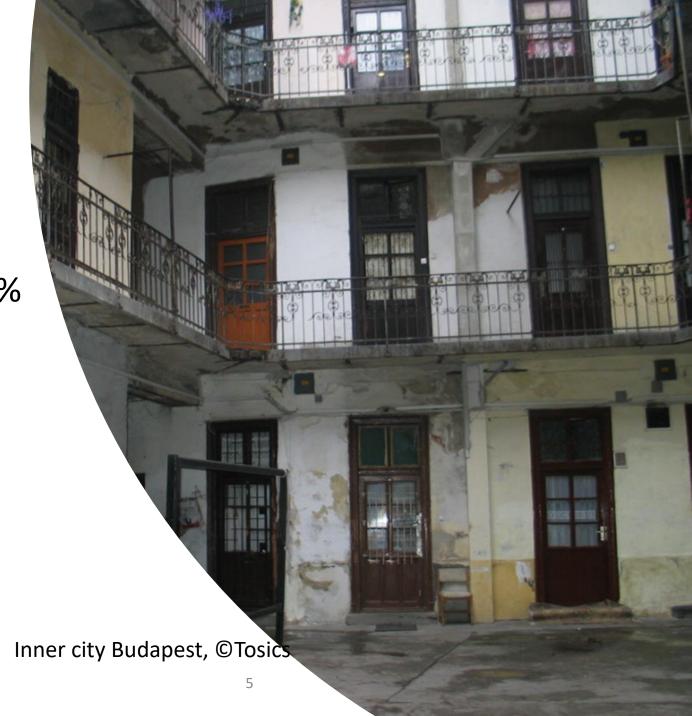 - Severity, poverty gaps, inequalities & the non-poor
  - Overlaps

Ending housing deprivation, extreme poor (50%), EU

1) Anti-poverty strategies
• Social welfare
• Employment
• housing allowances

Ending housing deprivation, *'extreme poor' EU:*
2) affordable housing provision

- 'Burdensome' housing costs, 57%
  - High 88% (Croatia)
  - Low 15% (Sweden)

  - *Highest spending priority*
  - *Then energy*
  - *Then food*

Inner city Budapest, ©Tosics

- Overcrowding, 33%
  - High 66% (Romania), Low 5% (Cyprus, Ireland)

  - "My husband and I live with my son, his wife & five kids & my youngest child in a 2 bed apartment. We have been living here for 6 years. I sleep in the living room on the floor, in the same room is the kitchen, the dining room, sitting room and bedroom" (Roma, Ireland).

  - Fear of rough sleeping public spaces

Ending housing deprivation, extreme poor:
3) sustainable housing renewal programmes & building regs

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- Damp & rot, 26%

- High 57% (Hungary)
  - Low 8% (Finland)

- Lack indoor toilet &/bath/shower for sole use of household, 14%
  - High 73% (Romania)
  - Low 1% (Ireland)

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Roma housing themes

- Rats
- Open sewers
- Abandoned warehouses
- Overcrowding

ROMA IN IRELAND
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Ending housing deprivation:
4) Anti-discrimination & anti-racism strategies

- Incl. institutional (e.g. HRC, right to reside, housing & welfare policies)
  - Especially ethnic minorities (e.g. Travellers, asylum seekers)
  - Migration & life-course
    - Roma: evictions/burnt out, expulsions -> journey through Europe, 'end of the line'?, severe housing deprivation in Ireland

    "We live at the moment in a house with no electricity, no gas and no facilities" (Roma, Ireland).

Promising avenues for interdisciplinary research?

- Energy poverty
  - Residential
  - Transport
- Disaster risk reduction & poor households
  - Storm damage, energy, flooding, coastal erosion…
  - No insurance, no savings, no bank a/c
- Food poverty
- Critical of SDGs & indicators
  - Practices of non-poor & inequalities
    - Housing affluence, over-consumption & vacancies
  - Development model (growth & consumption)?

Thank you

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