

To the Facilitators of the World Bank Evolution,

The undersigned are members and allies of the Leadership Collaborative to End Ultra-Poverty, a community of practice of NGOs, researchers, and practitioners. We are dedicated to reaching SDG 1 through Graduation/economic inclusion and other evidence-informed approaches that empower people to escape the poverty trap. We have a close association with the World Bank's Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) to support robust knowledge exchange, expand awareness of best practices, and contribute to the growing evidence base that demonstrates the value of multifaceted, big-push social and economic inclusion programs for those living in extreme poverty.

As World Bank analysis has demonstrated, the rate of poverty reduction was slowing even before the current polycrisis of COVID-19, conflict, climate change, and inflation. Therefore, we urge the Evolution Roadmap to explicitly endorse evidence-based interventions for eradicating extreme poverty to accelerate adoption of proven approaches like Graduation/economic inclusion.

To further demonstrate its commitment to ending extreme poverty, we recommend the following:

- **The World Bank should share more concrete proposals on increasing financing for GPGs without negatively affecting IDA donor funding. We further ask that no fundraising for GPGs take place until the funding gaps for years 2 and 3 of IDA 20 and the funding levels for IDA 21 have been addressed.** Given the resource gap for IDA, we are concerned that proposals to provide concessional financing for GPGs would adversely impact donor funding of IDA.
- **The World Bank should consider an explicit focus on extreme poverty reduction as one factor affecting the concessionality of loans to IBRD countries.** An expansion and increased concessionality of IBRD loans for government initiatives focused specifically on extreme poverty would signal a continued focus on the Twin Goals of eradicating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity while accelerating poverty reduction in middle-income countries.

As the Bank defines operating principles for concessionality of loans to IBRD countries, **levels of extreme poverty should be considered a key aspect of national and sub-national vulnerability, particularly when vulnerability is a factor determining the concessionality of loans to IBRD countries.** Given that people in extreme poverty, especially women and children, are the most vulnerable to climate change and food insecurity, concessional financing should prioritize projects that build resilience for the poorest segment of the population, such as adaptive social protection systems and climate-resilient livelihoods programs.

- **The World Bank should reinvigorate its focus on the most vulnerable by disaggregating its measurement of results specifically on extreme poverty reduction.** The IDA 20 Results Measurement System (RMS) lacks disaggregated data on extreme poverty in its indicators. In future IDA RMS, it could ensure people in extreme poverty are reached by funding flows and policy commitments by disaggregating this data. IDA has a strong focus on investing in the eradication of poverty, but at present, it does not have a mechanism within its indicators to

ensure funding, for instance in the form of safety nets, is reaching and delivering long-term impact for the poorest segment of the population in borrowing countries.

- **The World Bank should consider the following mission statement: “To accelerate ending extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity by fostering sustainable, resilient, and inclusive development.”** This would convey the urgency of changing the status quo to alter the current trajectory of global poverty reduction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Evolution Roadmap and offer these suggestions of practical steps that would affirm the World Bank’s commitment to reaching those who live in conditions of profound poverty, vulnerability and marginalization – and to helping meet SDG 1, ending poverty in all of its manifestations everywhere.

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