SIDE EVENT: IS The Debt Crisis Killing The SDGs?

The role of Global Accelerator To Fund Social Protection
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Background

- Global Accelerator launched in Sept 2021 by The UN secretary General Assembly
- Drawing lessons from COVID 19 and planning for mitigation of future pandemics
- Mechanism for transition to Inclusive and sustainable Societies
- The GA is a step towards a systematic context specific financing for Social Protection
- Commendable efforts by UN Special Rapporteur making country follow up on status of Social protection and commitments
- 17 SDGs with 169 targets are anchored on assumption for a steady economic growth
- COVID-19 affected the growth trend especially in the LMICs which are the priority targets for SDGs (% of The New Poor has increased)
- Current debt distress mostly in LMICs has increased to worrying levels, resources are not being directed towards investment that could help in meeting the SDGs but servicing of the debts.
Social Protection Debt Nexus

- LMICs due to debt distress, reduced government spending on social services, infrastructure, healthcare, education, and environmental protection—all of which are critical for achieving the SDGs.

- Many SDGs, particularly those related to environmental sustainability (SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 13: Climate Action), require significant investments. A debt crisis limit a country's ability to invest in renewable energy, climate resilience, and environmental conservation efforts.
Innovative Financing For Social Protection

• Domestic resourcing
• Innovative financing mechanisms (Incentivize Social Impact Bonds)
• Re-design Public Private partnership value chain system
• Efficient systems, policies and Fiscal discipline
• Incorporate lessons from the Global Fund for HIV, TB and Malaria and design a similar fund for Social Protection
• Investment in accountable leadership and good governance system

(The Kenya Gen –Z ongoing campaign against bad governance, what are we learning?)
Way Forward

- Multi national lenders and prescriptions, bleeding citizens of their dignity and humanity! (A New lending model)
- Global Fund for Social Protection
- Lessons from Health sector in Africa and domestic financing (15% of the National Budget allocated to health)
- Debt restructuring
- Leverage on Technology to improve efficiency and accountability
- Investment in Youth, Women and Grassroots leadership

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