



I represent Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, a civil society platform coalition representing over 4000 CSOs, networks and grassroots organisations from India. We at Wada Na Todo Abhiyan have been involved in anchoring community consultations and discussions around what the new development frame post-2015 should look like and an important constituency that we have engaged with is the urban poor.

As we know, urban populations in countries is growing and especially in the developing countries / in the global South, there is a huge increase. It is also well known that majority of the poor in developing countries now reside in urban areas. This is related to concerns of lack of access to basic services and issues of migration. Lack of access to basic services affects the disadvantaged sections of population the most – the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women, children and other vulnerable sections. Concerns of the most marginalised and socially excluded remain critical while looking at the contours of the new development agenda.

In this regard, I would like to share some key recommendations that emerged from our community consultations:

1. When discussing means of implementation, it is crucial to underline the need for public financing as there is evidence that inequalities are perpetuated when we have increasing withdrawal of state from provisioning for basic services to urban poor.
2. While this has already come up before, it is important to reiterate this again – there is a need for improving and strengthening disaggregated data systems – in order to ensure that we are able to count the most disadvantaged, the poorest and the socially excluded and ensure the outcomes can be measured better.
3. In the context of ensuring more effective implementation, it is important to build / strengthen / improve effective urban governance systems, institutions and processes.

Thank you!

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