

Empowering At Risk Groups through Human Development

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“The contrast between what great things human beings can achieve and what limited lives most women and men end up living is truly remarkable.”

Amartya Sen

Nobel Laureate



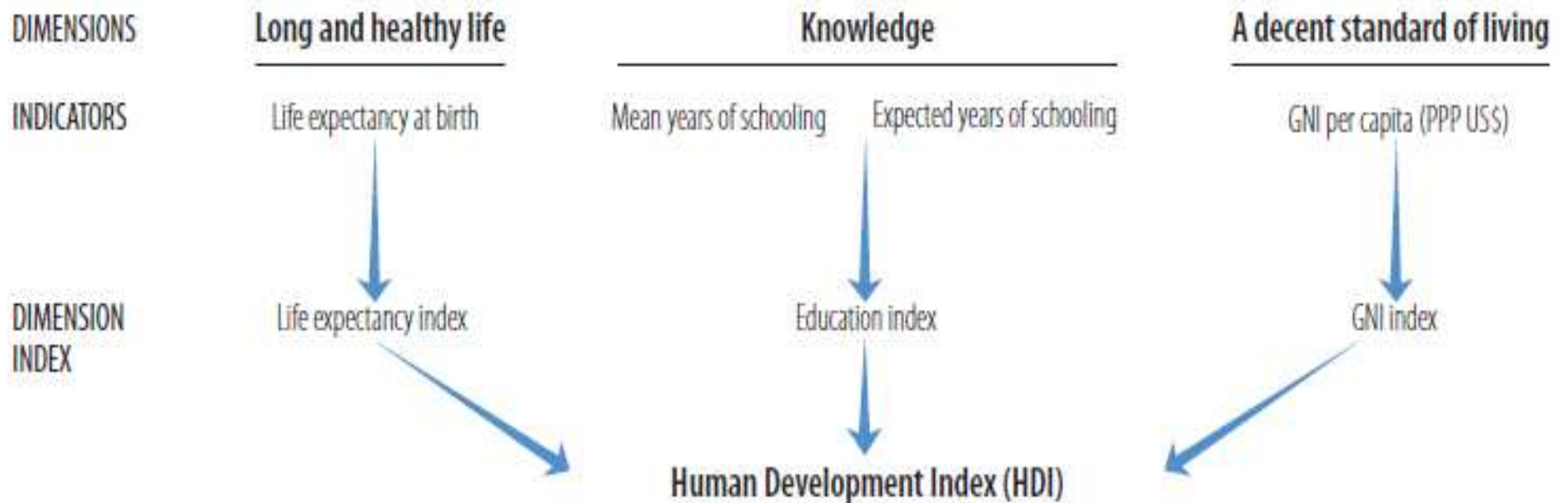
“The objective of development is to create an enabling environment for people to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives.”

Mahbub ul Haq

Founder of the HDR

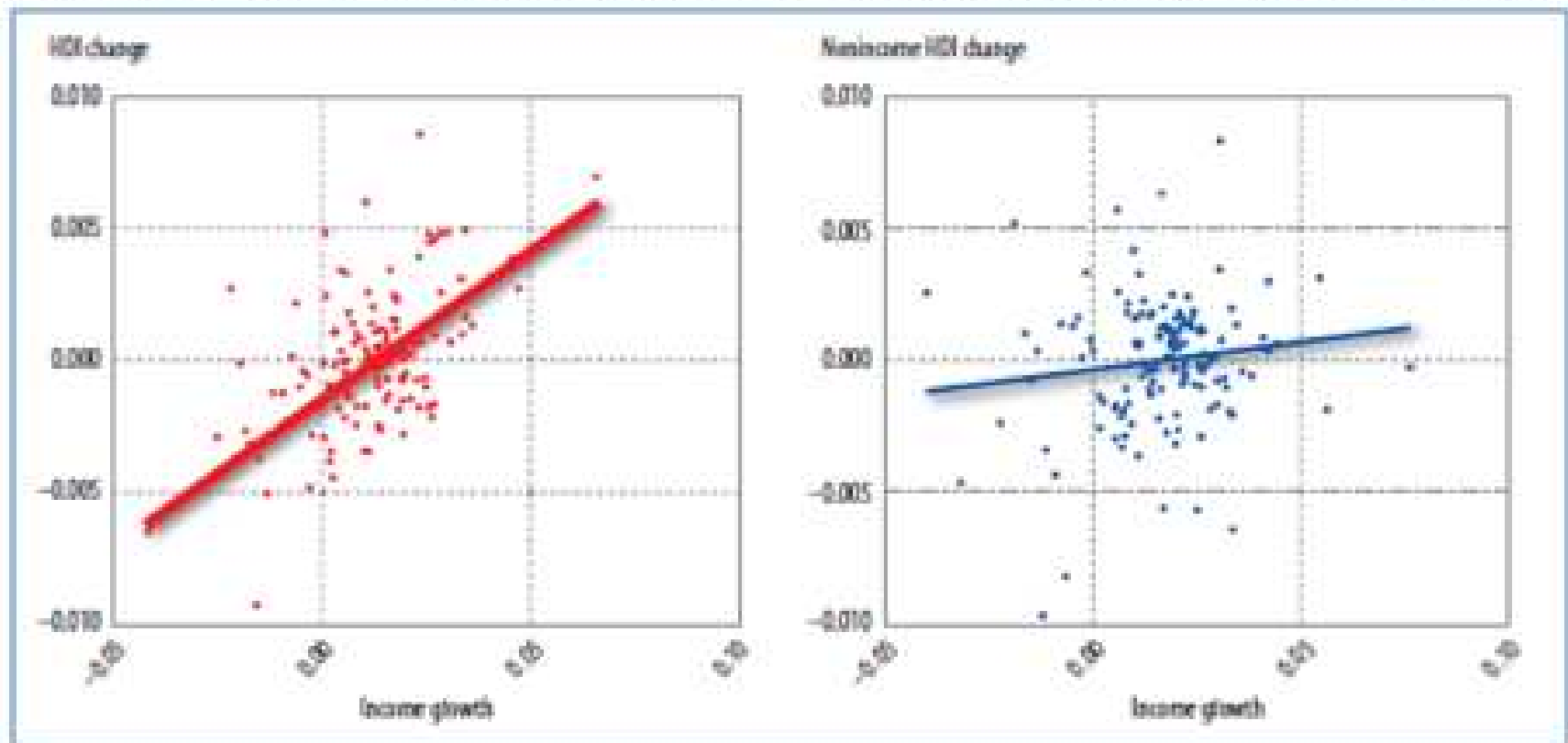


Human Development Index (HDI)



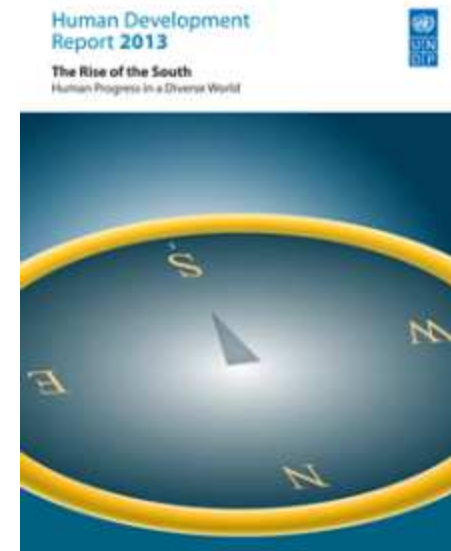
Growth does not always correlate with other aspects of development

Relationship between economic growth and the HDI and its nonincome components, 1970-2010



Promoting Empowerment: 2013 Human Development Report

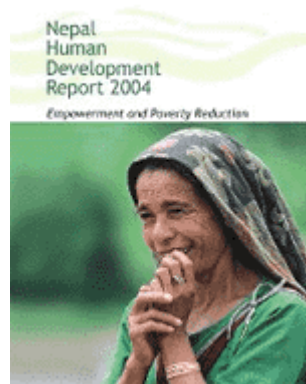
*The 2013 Report identifies four specific areas of focus for sustaining development momentum: enhancing equity, including on the gender dimension; **enabling greater voice and participation of citizens, including youth**; confronting environmental pressures; and managing demographic change*



Promoting Empowerment: Nepal

Empowerment and Poverty Reduction

The Nepal Human Development Report 2004 concentrates on empowerment. The empowerment approach stresses enhancing people's abilities to realize their basic rights and exercise the freedoms promised by democratic forms of governance. It creates the conditions necessary to enable the poor to take advantage of poverty-reduction opportunities by strengthening their socio-cultural, economic and political capabilities. Empowerment also entails a restructuring of these opportunities themselves



Promoting Empowerment: Somalia

The report reveals that Somali youth feel disempowered by multiple structural barriers built into the family, institutions, local government and society at-large. This lack of viable education and employment opportunities – in addition to clan and cultural prejudices – has created a high level of frustration and discontentment among young people. Therefore, radical shifts in policies and attitudes are needed in order to empower and place them at the core of the development agenda.

Somalia Human Development
Report 2012



Empowering Youth for Peace and Development



Measuring Empowerment

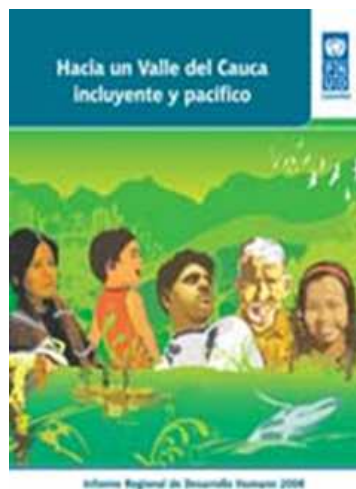
Dominican Republic “Human Development, an issue of power”



- Social, economic and institutional empowerment conditions the enlargement of people’s opportunities “enhancing HD means changing power structures” →
- Empowerment index composed of two sub-indices (individual and collective empowerment) covering 52 indicators



Empowering People Directly



**Colombia –
Valle del Cauca
sub-national
HDR 2008
“On the path to
an inclusive
and peaceful
Valle del
Cauca”**

- **200+ events** to gauge opinions and gather voices, proposals and commitments
- **4,400 people** throughout the different territories: community members, local leaders, civil servants, government representatives, academics, businessmen and women, workers, country workers and farmers, displaced people, the disabled, those reinserted into society, women and the elderly, young people, homosexuals, indigenous people and people of African descent.



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