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La recherche sur les inégalités

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Une approche multidimensionnelle des inégalités

Les travaux de recherche menés par l'AFD étudient les différentes dimensions du concept d'inégalités, ainsi que leurs nombreuses implications. Des inégalités de revenus et d'opportunités à la vulnérabilité et à la pauvreté en passant par la mobilité sociale, ces études permettent de comprendre les dynamiques sociétales, le rôle des politiques publiques et les interactions avec les autres défis mondiaux tels que le changement climatique.

Des outils et des méthodes pour créer du dialogue

La recherche s'appuie sur des outils et des méthodes spécifiques pour mieux analyser les inégalités et pouvoir mieux y répondre en termes de recommandations de politiques publiques et de stratégies de développement.

Une Facilité de recherche dédiée à l'étude des inégalités

L'AFD et l'Union européenne ont chacune fait de la lutte contre les inégalités une priorité. C'est dans ce contexte que ces deux institutions ont entamé leur collaboration en matière de réduction des inégalités avec la mise en place de la Facilité de recherche UE-AFD sur les inégalités en 2017.

- **Pendant la première phase de cette facilité (2017-2020), 22 projets de recherche visant à mieux comprendre les inégalités socioéconomiques, leurs déterminants, leurs effets et leurs dynamiques ont été menés dans 32 pays.**
- Suite au succès de cette première phase, **l'extension de la Facilité a été lancée en 2021.** Cette nouvelle phase contribue à l'élaboration de politiques publiques plus efficaces pour la réduction des inégalités dans quatre pays partenaires : **Afrique du Sud, Colombie, Indonésie et Mexique.** L'Extension a permis de publier une cinquantaine de papiers de recherche et policy briefs alimentant le dialogue politique sur les inégalités dans les pays partenaires.

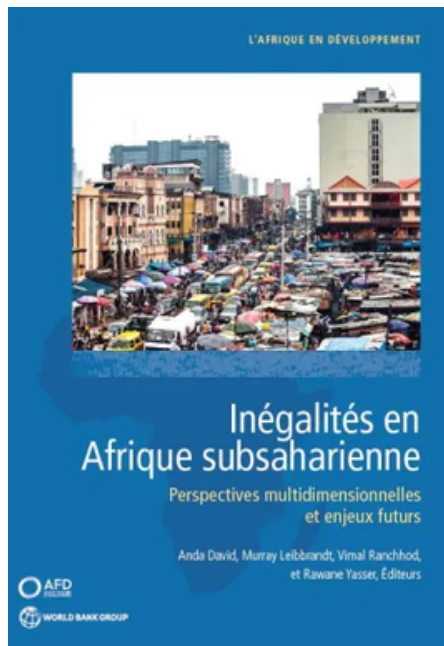
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Notre publication de référence *Inégalités en Afrique subsaharienne*

La montée des inégalités constitue un obstacle important au développement durable, et c'est dans ce contexte que cet ouvrage, *Inégalités en Afrique subsaharienne: Perspectives multidimensionnelles et défis futurs* (co-édité avec la Banque mondiale) apporte sa contribution aux débats en cours, en proposant une analyse approfondie des défis actuels et des perspectives d'avenir des inégalités sur le continent africain.



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Reducing Inequalities Despite Climate change? Rethinking Progress Towards Reducing Income Inequalities and the Impact of Climate Change in Developing Countries

This multicountry study incorporates the economic resources of countries and measures how countries are combining their resources to reduce income inequality. It also examines the effects of climate – temperature and rainfall – on effort by countries to reduce income inequality.

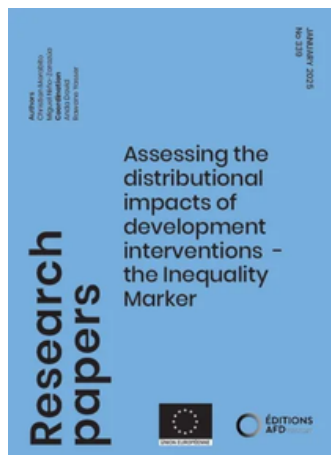


Distributional Impact of Fiscal Policies: A Survey of Methodological Approaches

This research paper is meant to be a guide for analysts and policymakers on available tools for assessing the distributional impact of existing fiscal systems as well as policy reforms. In particular, we present detailed overviews of fiscal incidence analysis (FIA) and tax-benefit microsimulation models (MSM). The paper also briefly reviews alternative approaches to value benefits from education, health, and infrastructure, as well as different methods to analyze the distributional impact of fiscal policy by gender.



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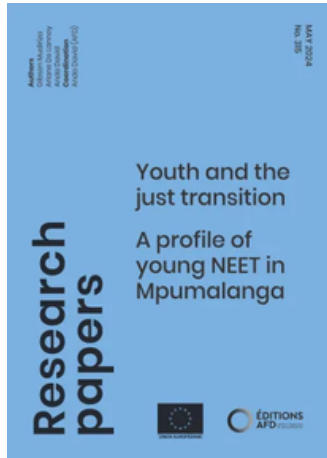


Assessing the distributional impacts of development interventions - the Inequality Marker



Persistent economic and social inequalities constrain the inclusive development of nations. The internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goal 10 (SDG10) and its targets, aim to address these constraints through the promotion of equalising policies. This paper tests the validity of the Inequality Marker and Distributional Impact Assessment (DIA) tools that have been developed to assess the contribution of development projects to inequality reduction using as case studies four AFD and European Commission funded projects in Benin, Djibouti-Ethiopia, Uganda, and Vietnam

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Youth and the just transition. A profile of young NEET in Mpumalanga

With one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world, South Africa's planning for a just transition needs to take into account the vulnerabilities of its youth cohorts, especially those that can be qualified as not in education, employment or training. This paper provides a profile of young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET) in Mpumalanga province, the region with the highest exposure to the coal exit.



Public Employment Programmes in South Africa's Changing Social Protection Landscape

The paper examines the role of Public Employment Programs (PEPs) within South Africa's evolving social protection landscape, emphasizing their intersection with unemployment, inequality, and social policy. The study highlights structural inequalities—such as land dispossession, concentrated economic power, and spatial inequities—that perpetuate poverty and unemployment.



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The local economic development effects of income transfers in South Africa. The Social Relief of Distress grant

Following the onset of COVID-19 in April 2020, this qualitative study considered the effects of the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant on local economies in five urban and peri-urban locations in South Africa, through the perspectives of informal traders. In a context of acute inequality, the SRD was introduced at a time of economic, health and social crisis due to the onset of COVID and measures implemented to limit its spread and was a key policy mechanism intended to ameliorate the differential effects of these measures on vulnerable groups.



Can Cash Transfers to the Unemployed Support Economic Activity? Evidence from South Africa

Persistently high unemployment has plagued South Africa over the last few decades, while concurrently there has been a dearth of state-provided income support to the working-age economically active population. In response to the pandemic the government introduced the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant – the country's first unconditional cash transfer targeted at the unemployed. At the time of writing, however, no causal evidence of the grant's effects exist.



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Developing a Youth Labour Market Index for South Africa at the sub-national level

Assessing the labour market situation for young people is a critical area of research that has attracted the attention of scholars and policymakers globally. However, understanding the complexity of the labour market for youth, particularly in developing countries, requires a comprehensive, multidimensional approach. We address this need by developing a Youth Labour Market Index (YLMI) for South Africa, incorporating ten indicators that capture the unique youth labour market situation from various perspectives.



Skills ecosystem mapping of MSMEs located within the Nkangala District Municipality

This paper examines the skills ecosystem for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nkangala District Municipality (NDM), Mpumalanga—a coal-dependent region central to South Africa's Just Energy Transition (JET). Using a systemic framework, it maps local networks, policy alignment, and coordination shaping MSME development in an inclusive, low-carbon economy.



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An Analytical Framework to Assess Green Transition Jobs in South Africa

In this paper we propose an analytical framework for profiling workers who are likely to be impacted by the energy transition, based on what work they do and in which industry they work. By combining a bottom-up approach to identify occupations related to the green transition, with a top-down approach to identifying 'brown' industries, we arrive at a matrix that allows us to look at where on the nexus between green transition occupations, and brown industries, workers find themselves



Spatial Inequality, Sub-regional governance and Subjective Well-being - The case of South Africa

This paper examines how spatial variation in inequality and quality of institutions interact to explain variation in subjective wellbeing. Literature suggests that better institutions and lower level of inequality improve subjective wellbeing. However, evidence that examine how the interaction between these two variables explain variation in wellbeing is relatively scarce.



Fiscal Incidence and Public Spending: Public Policy Scenarios for Colombia

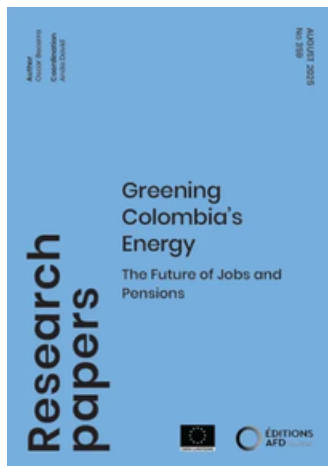


Quantifying Green Job Potential in Colombia: A Task-Based Approach



This paper examines the impact of the green transition on the Colombian labor market. Using a task-based approach and data from the 2022 Colombian Household Survey, we find that approximately 22.6% of Colombian employment is linked to green tasks, with 15.9% directly affected by the green transition.

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Greening Colombia's Energy: The Future of Jobs and Pensions

This paper evaluates the effects of Colombia's transition to a low-carbon economy on employment and pensions. Utilizing a three-stage analysis integrating national energy scenarios, an input-output model, and a pension microsimulation model, we quantify the green transition's effects on employment and pensions.



Distributive Impact of Green Taxes in Mexico

In Mexico, as in most countries globally, energy taxation, particularly through taxes on fuels, serves as the primary carbon pricing instrument.

This study quantifies the size and the distributive effects of green taxes (and anti-green subsidies) in Mexico, principally focusing on excise taxes (IEPS, from its initials in Spanish) levied on coal and fuels, as well as subsidies for residential electricity consumption.



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Social Mobility, Care Policies, and Social Protection

In this study, we shed light on the connections between social mobility and social protection related to care. The objective is to examine women's opportunities for choice and life achievements in terms of social mobility. In particular, it proposes a broader human development approach that, beyond education, health, and social security, integrates the contribution of both paid and unpaid care work to individuals' wellbeing and social mobility.



Promoting a More Progressive Approach - Evaluating the Impact of Social and Fiscal Policies in Mexico and Colombia amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic

This research paper analyzes the redistributive impact of some fiscal policies and social programmes (direct taxes and transfers) before and after the pandemic crisis in Mexico and Colombia, following the CEQ methodology. It considers different concepts such as Market Income, Market Income plus Pensions and Disposable Income in order to analyze the impacts of fiscal policies and social programmes on inequality in these countries.



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The Benefits of Marine Protected Areas in Fighting Inequality and Fostering Environmental Sustainability in Indonesia



This research paper aims to explore the potential benefits of marine protected areas (MPAs) and assess their impact on environmental sustainability and inequality in Indonesia.



Balancing Conservation and Community Welfare: Enhancing the Management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Indonesia



This paper explores the dynamic of the MPAs management in Indonesia, focusing on how they have addressed not only issues related to the biodiversity conservation but also the welfare of the community who live near MPAs.

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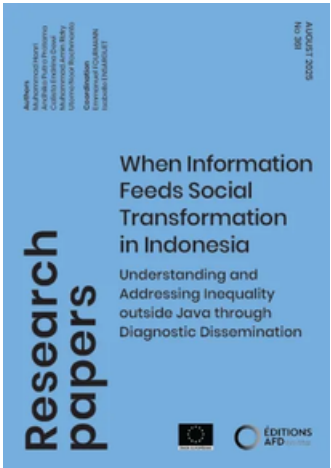


Can social inclusion benefit ecosystems?



Reconciling social and environmental challenges through better management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Indonesia

(Disponible en français)



When Information Feeds Social Transformation in Indonesia: Understanding and Addressing Inequality outside Java through Diagnostic Dissemination



The findings of this report emphasize that inequality in Indonesia extends beyond income distribution, encompassing access to education, healthcare, infrastructure, and economic opportunities. These inequalities are further compounded by geographic isolation, governance challenges, exposure to natural disasters, and uneven economic transformation.

Nos dialogues de politiques publiques

POLICY DIALOGUES

Strengthening Public Employment Programmes in South Africa's Social Protection Framework

November 2024 - No 18 (EN) AFD Research Facility on Inequalities

While many of the fundamental components sought to strengthen public employment programmes in South Africa's Social Protection Framework (SPF) have been in place since 2017, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the fragility of the system. The AFD team conducted a series of interviews with key stakeholders to assess the current state of the SPF and identify areas for improvement. The findings of this study are presented in this report.

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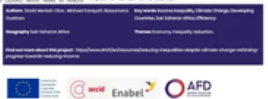
POLICY DIALOGUES

Rethinking progress towards reducing inequalities in developing countries, while integrating climate change

August 2024 - No 19 (EN) AFD Research Facility on Inequalities

Inequality within and across countries remains a significant challenge, despite progress in reducing inequalities within countries. The AFD team conducted a series of interviews with key stakeholders to assess the current state of the SPF and identify areas for improvement. The findings of this study are presented in this report.

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Efforts of countries to reduce inequalities (SDG10) can be measured after incorporating their economic resources, but also after examining the effects of climate change on this global effort. On average, countries have exerted only 50 percent of their effort in reducing income inequality, but this effort differs from region to region. Sub Saharan Africa recorded the least average effort of 39%, reminding that the potential & scope for improvement to reduce income inequality differs across SSA countries.



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Are Municipal Governance Issues Worsening the Effects of Inequality in South Africa?

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In South Africa, inequalities do not exist in isolation but are fundamentally shaped by spatial factors. The legacy of apartheid, which used spatial segregation to enforce exclusionary policies, continues to influence economic and social outcomes today. Traditional economic performance metrics such as GDP often fail to capture the lived experiences of individuals, particularly when measured at a national level.

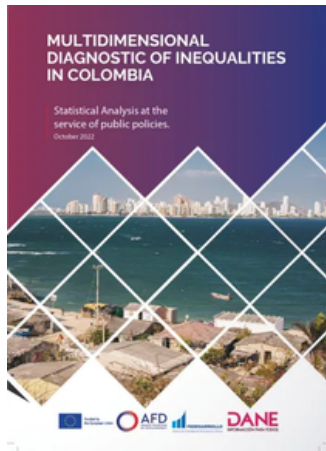


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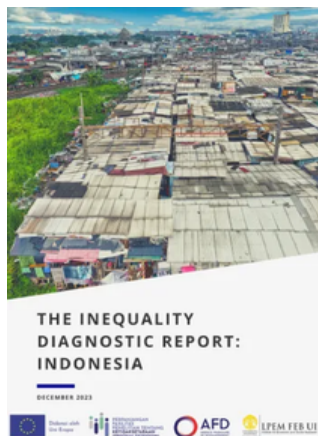


Nos Diagnostics Inégalités



Multidimensional diagnostic on inequalities in Colombia

In brief, this Multidimensional Diagnostic is key to understanding the gaps that exist in Colombia, and allows for evidence-based decision-making and progress towards reducing inequalities. This document has been produced in the framework of the Extension of the Research Facility on Inequalities



The Inequality Diagnostic Report: Indonesia

The Inequality Diagnostic Report measures multidimensional aspects of inequalities in Indonesia in the last decade, while also identifying policies that shape the current state of inequality in the country. The report analyzes inequalities in Indonesia from a comprehensive point of view, which takes into account its multiple dimensions such as income distribution, labour income, household assets and services, but also spatial inequality or gender disparities.



En savoir plus sur le programme de recherche sur les inégalités

- La Facilité UE-AFD de recherche sur les inégalités
- Première phase de la Facilité de recherche sur les inégalités (2017-2020)
- L'Extension de la Facilité de recherche sur les inégalités



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