

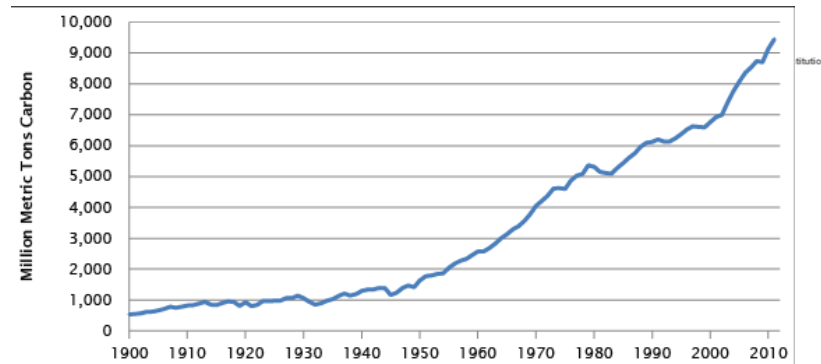
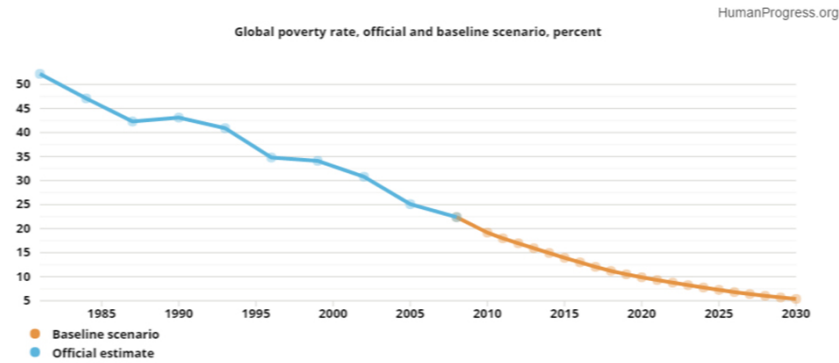
Unpacking the SDGs: historic agreement or paper-thin promises?

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Two different stories...



Climate Change & Poverty

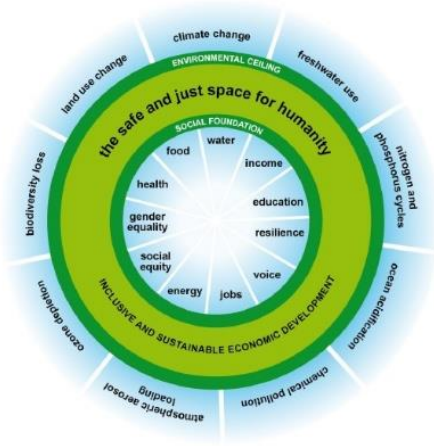


Martha, Philippines

James, Malawi



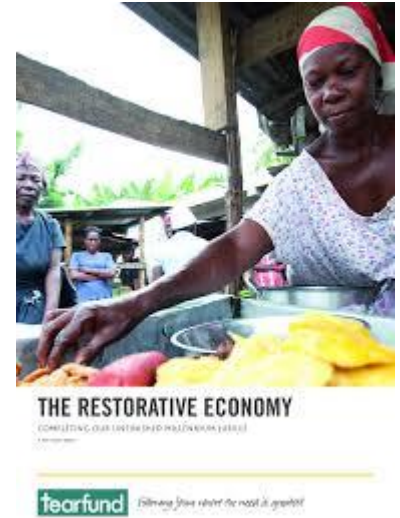
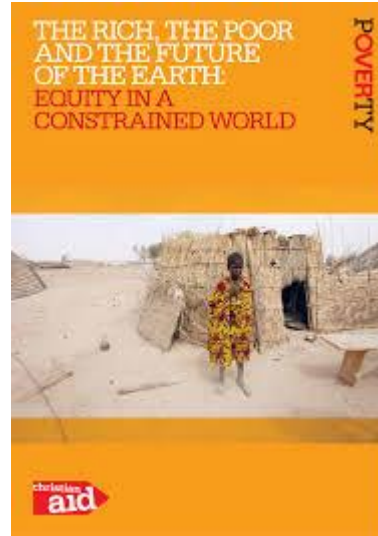
Challenging the Status Quo



Contribution from Oxfam: "The Doughnut"

Source: Oxfam. *The 11 dimensions of the social foundation are illustrative and are based on governments' priorities for Rio+20. The nine dimensions of the environmental ceiling are based on the planetary boundaries set out by Rockström et al (2009b)*

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Introducing the SDGs



The test is in the targets!



7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

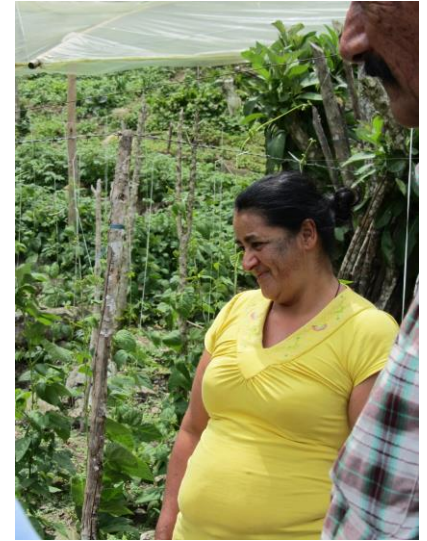
7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

7.A By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology

7.B By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support.

Win-Wins and Trade-Offs



Glass half-empty?



- ❖ *Not legally binding*
- ❖ *No progress on Financing for Development*
- ❖ *How strong is the commitment to universality?*
- ❖ *Wish-list rather than a priority list*
- ❖ *How do you measure the complex targets?*
- ❖ *Is the political will really there?*

Glass half-full?

- ➡ *A better framework!*
- ➡ *High-level buy-in*
- ➡ *Civil society buy-in*
- ➡ *UN system behind the SDGs*
- ➡ *Consistency with the COP*
- ➡ *(Some) national discussions*



Thanks for listening!

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