



An Introduction to this Series

You have in your hands a series of short briefing papers about the challenges of eradicating global poverty, inequality and injustice. These papers have been written by Irish development NGOs - a diverse group of organisations, supported by an even more diverse group of hundreds of thousands of ordinary citizens.

The diversity of the Irish development NGOs shows in the differences in their ways of working as well as in their priorities, their motivations, support base, geographical focus, and areas of expertise.

What they have in common, however, is their shared determination to do all they can to help to [make poverty history](#).

In this folder you will find a series of short introductions to some of the major issues on which Irish development NGOs work, in their efforts to [combat poverty and injustice](#). These sheets illustrate the type of work that Irish NGOs do, born out of their conviction that there are many dimensions to “Poverty” and “Development”.

We hope this series makes it clear that poverty is not merely about material deprivation: it also relates to [social, economic and political exclusion](#). Consequently, anyone working to make poverty history will need to address all aspects of human development. We all need to be willing to invest in these efforts for the [long term](#).

By tackling the root causes of poverty and inequality, Irish development NGOs plant seeds of hope and empower people to help themselves. In publishing this series of papers, we aim to plant a seed of hope in all those who read them.



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