Reading list

‘Leaving no one behind’ in the Asia-Pacific region
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Background reading: leave no one behind

This list brings together a selection of work from the Overseas Development Institute on leave no one behind – what it is, what it means for policy and practice both on the international stage and within national contexts, and what progress has been made thus far. All our work is available to download from www.odi.org.

Defining ‘leave no one behind’ – October 2017
This briefing note sets out broad parameters for what leave no one behind means, without being prescriptive about its interpretation. It makes concrete suggestions for how governments and other institutions can implement it.

Aid allocation within countries: does it go to areas left behind? – July 2017
This working paper examines the relationship between aid allocation and sub-national extremes of poverty in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Honduras and Nigeria – and finds that aid is not adequately allocated in accordance with need sub-nationally.

The ‘leave no one behind’ index – July 2017
The index – currently being updated for 2018 – monitors the extent to which the 44 countries that presented their National Voluntary Reviews at the 2017 HLPF are set up to their commitments to leave no one behind.

What gets measured, gets managed: challenges ahead for UN’s data-driven development agenda – December 2016
Data gaps could stymie progress on the SDGs and other UN development agendas, like the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the World Humanitarian Summit. This briefing outlines some of these gaps and some areas in which there has been positive progress towards better and more accessible data.

SDG stocktakes - Leaving no one behind in the health sector: an SDG stocktake in Kenya and Nepal and Leaving no one behind in the roads sector: an SDG stocktake in Kenya
ODI is currently researching how the SDGs are being implemented within specific country contexts. The first two stocktakes look at health in Kenya and Nepal, and roads in Kenya.

Projecting progress: are cities on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030? – October 2016
Based on analysis of 20 cities, this report sets out the scale of the challenge for cities around the world to meet the SDGs.

Projecting progress: the SDGs in Asia-Pacific – May 2016
This paper presents Asia-Pacific’s likely progress across the Sustainable Development Goals agenda, if trends continue on their current trajectories. Since Asia countries performed well on various MDG targets, the region is set up well to continue making gains - though there are a number of goals and targets that will not be met without major new effort.

Leave no country behind: a regional look at performance on selected MDGs and SDGs – March 2016
Knowing which regions and countries are lagging according to which indicators is invaluable to better targeting by governments and development partners. Recognition of how starting points matter is crucial for policy to focus on implementing the SDG call for country specificity alongside its embrace of the leave no one behind agenda.

Who is being left behind in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America? – February 2016
This series draws on analysis of two case study countries from each region to identify gaps in achieving a number of outcomes relating to key SDG targets for marginalised groups.
**Background reading: resources about the region**

Participants at the ODI – UNESCAP workshop on leave no one behind in the Asia-Pacific Region were invited to suggest relevant resources. These are collated here.

**UN System**  
Equality and non-discrimination at the heart of sustainable development - a shared UN framework for action

**Government of Bhutan**  
Bhutan have introduced several new guidelines in relation to SDG 12, sustainable consumption and production. They have produced a [Green Hotel Guideline](#) and guidelines for [paperless operations in government offices](#), as well as in-depth work with Switch Asia on [green public procurement and other issues](#).

**ESCAP, Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme**  
Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Goals Outlook

**UNHabitat**  
Local Actions for Sustainable Development, Water and Sanitation in Asia-Pacific Region

**Secretariat of the Pacific Community**  
Improved and safe water and sanitation at the center of the sustainable development agenda for Pacific Small Island Developing States

**World Bank**  
Can Asia-Pacific achieve sustainable energy for all?

**International Labour Organization**  
Just transition, decent work, and climate resilience  

**ESCAP, UNESCO, ILO, UN Environment, FAO and UN-Water**  
Goal profile: SDG 6, clean water and sanitation

**ESCAP/ADB/UND**  
Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing Asia-Pacific

**ESCAP**  
Regional and subregional perspectives on the transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

**ESCAP**  
Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2017 - Leave No One Behind

**ESCAP**  
Sustainable Social Development in Asia and the Pacific: Towards a People-Centred Transformation

**ESCAP**  
Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2016 SDG Baseline Report