

# **Mid Term Review of the Strategy on the Rights of the Child**

**Combatting child poverty and  
promoting social inclusion**

# Child Poverty & Social Exclusion in Ireland



- Low Point - peak child poverty rates post recession.
- Combat Poverty Agency was disbanded and knock on impact on campaigning and advocacy within civil society sector.
- It took 10-15 years to erode that peak figure:
  - Multi-stakeholder engagements
  - Political and policy commitments
  - € Hundreds of thousands in funding
  - Readjusting strategy every year
  - Reframing the narrative on child poverty
  - Multi-year campaigning

# Child Poverty in Ireland: Where We Are Now



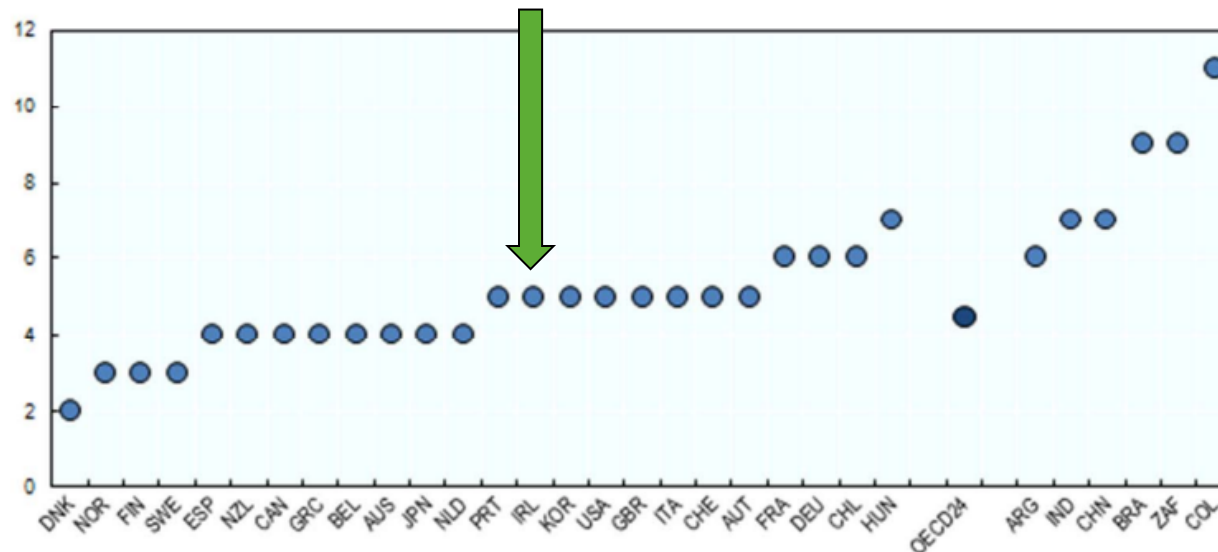
- **1 in 5 children** experiencing enforced deprivation.
- **104,780 children in consistent poverty in 2024**
  - Rising from 4.8% in 2023 to 8.5% in 2024.
  - Highest rate of all age categories.
- **188,605 children were at risk of poverty in 2024:**
  - Rising from 14.3% in 2023 to 15.3% in 2024.
  - Highest rate of all age categories.

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- It will take **4-5 generations** to break the cycle of poverty
  - OECD average (4.5), UK and US at 5 generations.
  - Nordic countries at 2-3 generations.

**Figure 1.5. At the current level of intergenerational mobility, it takes on average four to five generations for the offspring of a low-income family to reach the average income**

Expected number of generations it would take the offspring from a family at the bottom 10% to reach the mean income in society



# Turning the Dial on Child Poverty



- Develop evidence-base for solutions.
- To turn the dial on major societal, social and systemic issues, consistent campaigning is required to break cycles of intergenerational inequality.
- The Children's Rights Alliance campaign strategy directs advocacy, media and communications work with that in mind:
  - **Annual Report Card**
  - **Child Poverty Monitor**
  - **End Child Poverty Week**
  - **A Children's Budget**

**60+ interventions**



# Successive Investment and Blended Solutions

- Major reframing of poverty and its impact – public attitudes research and polling
- Campaigning for short-, medium-, and long-term solutions
- Cannot be a question of “*either or*” – **both** universal and targeted measures are required to break the cycle



Add more  
colour to the  
school and  
community to  
make it a more  
friendly  
environment

Repurpose  
unused buildings  
so that they  
serve the  
community

Build and  
establish more  
youth clubs and  
take more notice  
of smaller clubs  
in the area

1 New football jersey  
2 more activities inside and  
School  
3 More p.e. equipment  
4 More nuclear room's  
different school's  
5 more <sup>shops</sup> ~~park~~ around  
School's

Football pitch  
More clubs  
More awareness of  
bullying  
More hobbies  
More Natural Rooms  
for more schools

ground  
be built  
other areas  
where the  
kids, and  
green

More home work  
Food stands for the  
ss.  
More rainforests  
Art Supplies in the  
school

Partnership  
with school(s)  
outside the area

Thank You