

# HOW WOULD YOU READ THIS MESSAGE **WITHOUT** INTERNET ACCESS?

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## POVERTY WATCH KEY FINDINGS

### Digital divide and implications for social exclusion and access to services and civil rights

People experiencing poverty or at-risk thereof have been largely socially excluded as a result of the recent widespread digitalisation of the economy. Unable to afford or access technological tools or limited in their digital literacy, these individuals faced the inability to access or understand crucial information on essential services and socio-economic benefits on which they depend. The digital divide led to increased social exclusion especially of children, individuals living in areas that lack necessary infrastructure, and the elderly in access to vaccinations, insurance, education, and minimum income therefore further marginalising them.

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