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## DEDICATION

To those working to enable the poor come out of dehumanising chronic poverty.

*“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family,”* The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, cited in Barrientos (2010, p.9)

*“Recall the face of the weakest person whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to her. Will she gain anything by it? Will it restore her to a control of her own life and destiny?”*

**Mahatma Gandhi** in Künnemann and Leonard (2008, p.4)

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