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**Abstract**

**Title: Local efforts to counteract the effects of child poverty: Are they sufficiently targeted?**

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A presentation and discussion of Norwegian municipal projects aimed at counteracting the effects of child poverty:

These projects, funded by the Ministry of Children and Equality and two directorates, have been going on since 2004 and include 55 municipalities. The projects will at least go on until the end of 2009. The projects are characterised by great variation, for instance when it comes to how many initiatives are taken in each municipality, how much money is used for each initiative, who decides which projects will be supported, whether the effort is directed at children and/or young people, what kinds of projects are initiated etc. Examples of projects are Internet cafes, better health services in the schools, after school and holiday activities, sports equipment for those who lack this, and direct economic support to families for purposes that benefit the children. One question is to what extent these efforts reach those that really need them, another is how to organise services in order to target the groups we want to target. This will be discussed on the basis of the ongoing evaluation, which covers the period from 2004 to 2007.

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