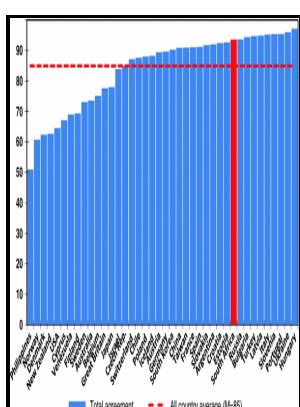


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The experience of other developing countries which have comparable economic structure to South Africa can be instructive. A wide set of household surveys covering a large sample of economies and spanning more than three decades is used. Now the estimates obtained, as reflected by a 2, suggest that if the labor share decreases by 1 percentage point, the Gini index increases by approximately 0.

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The literature has shown, however, that it is characterized by some limitations. However, this relationship has been sparsely studied so far. Markets, by themselves, even when they are stable, often lead to high levels of inequality, outcomes that are widely viewed as unfair.

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This difference may reflect the definitions adopted in the two studies: whereas the CBO analysis excludes business income such as income from businesses and farms operated by their owners from labor income, this analysis using LIS data includes earnings of the self-employed in this category.

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Unemployment is linked to issues such as crime and has a potential to hurt investment and growth. In the medium term, however, the most effective route to reducing poverty and inequality is to promote the creation of better jobs in the formal sector and increase the coverage of social protection systems. Apart from income inequalities, there are other acknowledged factors that have an impact on economic inequality and poses serious threats of disparities within different societies.

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