

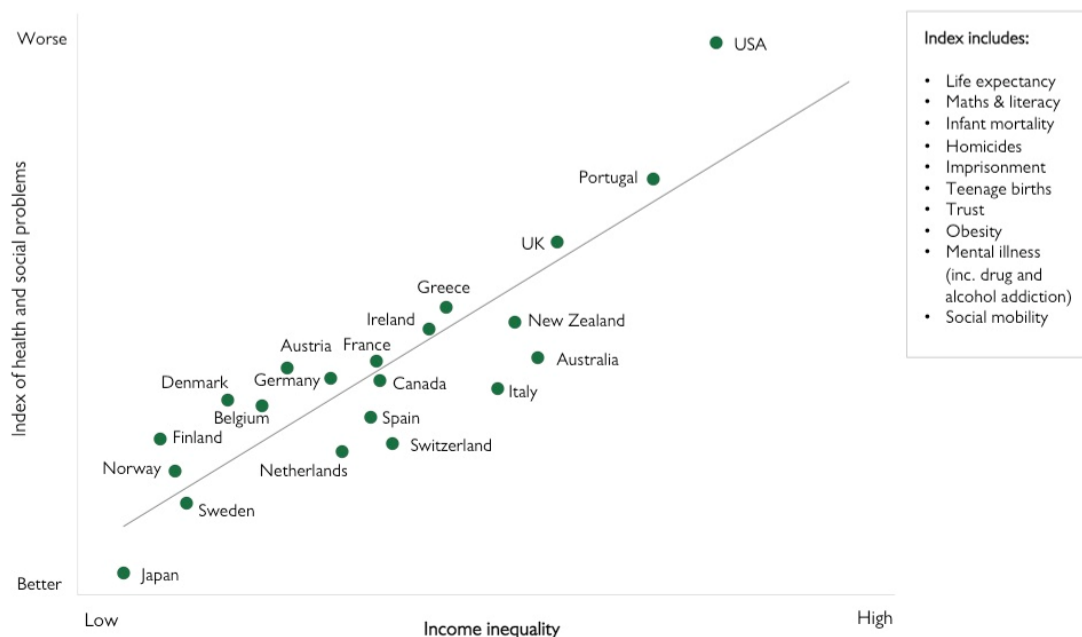
**THE CONSEQUENCE OF INEQUALITIES - Gemma Pinyol, migration and diversity consultant at Instructies**

According to Pinyol, **we cannot expect that economic growth will be the solution to inequalities.** Instead, we should improve education from 0 to 3 years-old, increase basic services and eradicate corruption.

Pinyol also insisted on **the importance of data to assess the situation regarding inequality and to analyze which policies should be implemented and where.** The researcher shared an original way of showing the data, a map that shows life expectancy in different parts of London, taking as a reference the different metro stops that cross the city ([Tubecreature: Lives on the Line](#)).

It is also important to notice that the different indexes that determine social problems, such as drug abuse, homicide rate, life expectancy or even gender-based violence, are not directly associated with the fact that a society is rich or poor, but with the inequalities within society itself (Figure 1). Hence, **social problems reflect the consequences of inequality and not the wealth of a society.**

**Figure 1: Index of social problems and income inequalities**



Source: Wilkinson & Pickett, *The Spirit Level* (2009)