

Review of the National Social Target for Poverty Reduction



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Importance of a Poverty Target/sub-targets

- Brings attention and focus – Poverty as unacceptable and violation of human right.
- Ambitious driver of policy – across all policy areas i.e. all Government strategy to achieve it.
 - Allocation of resources
 - Monitoring, revision where not working
 - proofing/impact assessment at design and planning stage.
- Accountability
- Participation

Poverty target should reflect the complex nature of poverty

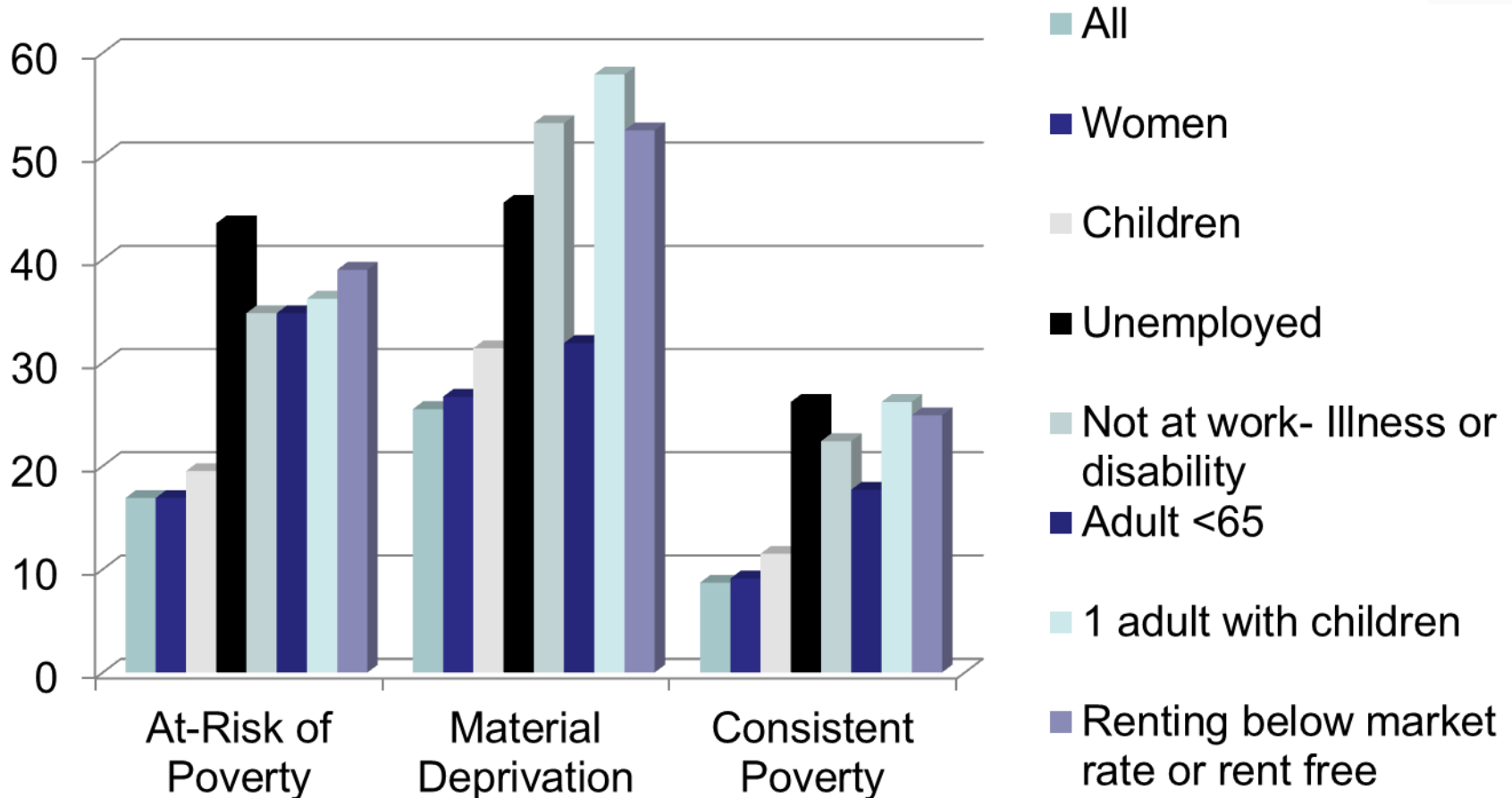


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Linked to inequality, discrimination; economic policy including taxation, redistribution and investment;
...and who is involved in policy design and implementation etc.

... and different risks for different groups



- Social, economic and cultural, age, gender etc
- Many groups not covered by official statistics e.g. Travellers, migrants, people with a disability, homeless..
- Multiple risk

What revision of target should do



- Ambitious high level target(s) to achieve type of society we want.
- Sub targets for high risk groups - Leave no-one behind
... across different indicators (measurements) capturing different dimensions of poverty
 - **At-risk-of poverty** - income inequality
 - **Material Deprivation** – unable to afford key essential items, social participation
 - **Consistent Poverty** –experiencing both of above so deeper level of poverty,
- Ensure we have good data -quantitative and qualitative
- **N.B. Driver of policy – new Integrated National Action Plan**

- Revision of target should not reduce current ambition
 - Target recently reviewed in 2012 at height of crisis –
Now, despite challenges, country is in an upturn.
 - not good enough to leave people in poverty
- Focus must be on effective policy implementation.