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## **DECLARING WAR ON POVERTY THROUGH POVERTY ALLEVIATION STRATEGY**

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# OUTLINE

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# PURPOSE

To create an enabling environment for empowerment of the poor and other vulnerable groups to achieve sustainable livelihoods, self reliance and overall development.



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## BACKGROUND

- The Free State Poverty Alleviation Strategy was approved by the ExCo Cluster during July 2008 in pursuit of the War Against Poverty.
- It would bring together various departments at all spheres of government, NGO's & Business to identify interventions required in specific households and implement them as a matter of urgency.



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## BACKGROUND (Cont...)

- This would also conform to President Thabo Mbeki's call for the establishment of the National War Room during his February 08, 2008 State of the Nation Address.
- In Free State, the War on Poverty was launched by the Deputy President on August 14, 2008 at Jacobsdal (Xhariep district).



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## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To develop & deepen a coherent shared vision of poverty alleviation defined within the shared growth and development policy spectrum.
- To develop, implement and review policies, strategies and programmes for integrated poverty alleviation.
- To ensure inclusive coordination, management and implementation of poverty alleviation initiatives with a wide spectrum of social partners.



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## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Cont...)

- To provide and marshal funding support and necessary resources to implement the poverty alleviation programmes.
- To promote an entrenched sustainable community development.
- To link grants to sustainable livelihoods and development.



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## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Cont...)

- To increase the potential of the vulnerable groups to engage in integrated, viable and self-reliant opportunities.
- To develop indicators for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of poverty alleviation initiatives.



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## EXPECTED OUTPUT

- An understanding of the nature, determinants & impact of poverty in the province.
- Elaborate & develop targeted strategic measures to alleviate poverty in the province.
- Creation of long-lasting, self-reliant & sustainable economic development opportunities.
- Enhance collaborative efforts in alleviating poverty in the province.



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# POVERTY ALLEVIATION STRATEGY MATRIX

- Packaged according to the following Cluster Functional Specialisations:
  - Social Matrix
  - Economic Matrix
  - Governance Matrix
  - Security Matrix



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# SOCIAL MATRIX

## Strategic Objectives

- Half Poverty by 2015. (MDG)
- Provide comprehensive education to all & improve the functional literacy rate from 65.3% - 85%.



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## SOCIAL MATRIX (Cont...)

- Provide comprehensive healthcare & reduce mortality of children from 150 – 100 per 100 000 live births.
- Stabilise prevalence rate of HIV & AIDS and mitigate its impact.
- To provide shelter for all.
- Provide free basic services to all households.



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# ECONOMIC MATRIX

## Strategic Objectives

- Link social grants to economic activities & sustainable livelihoods.
- Provide & marshal funding support & resources for poverty alleviation.
- Ensure entry of HDI's & vulnerable groups into the mainstream of economy.



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# GOVERNANCE MATRIX

## Strategic Objectives

- Ensure coordinated & integrated approach to poverty alleviation.
- Build capacity for effective poverty alleviation.
- Implement, monitor, evaluate & review poverty alleviation strategy.



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# SECURITY MATRIX

## Strategic Objectives

- Coordinate implementation of the Integrated Crime Prevention Programmes.
- Reduce the number of crimes against vulnerable members of society.



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# SECURITY MATRIX (Cont...)

## Strategic Objectives

- Provide care, protection & development services on gender based violence & abuse.
- Provide alternative care & protection for foreign national & refugees in terms of the UN Charter.



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# PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORY

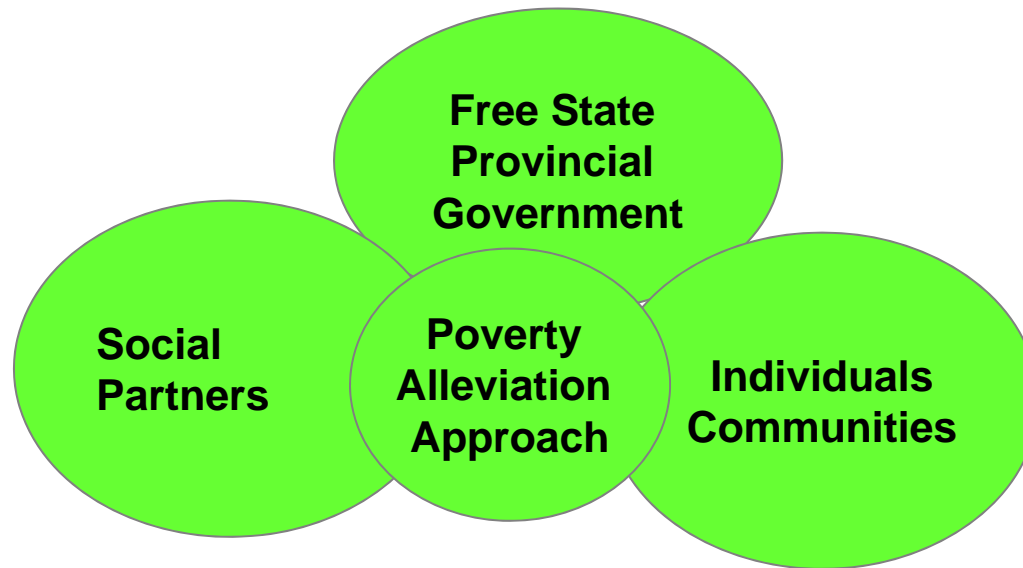
- Successful implementation of interventions contained in the Strategy is depended on the provincial development trajectory .
- Implementation must therefore be shaped by the spatial provincial development needs.



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# POVERTY ALLEVIATION APPROACH



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# INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

ExCo	:	Legislation & Policy
FOHOD	:	Technical & Professional Support
Departments	:	Policy Implementation
Municipalities	:	Policy Implementation
Boards / Agencies	:	Policy Implementation



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# OPERATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Poverty Alleviation Forum (PAF); established August , 2008

- Representatives from:
  - Government departments
  - Municipalities
  - Social Partners
- PAF accountable to MEC: Social Development.



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## OPERATIONAL ARCHITECTURE (Cont...)

- Ultimately report to ExCo in terms of protocols.
- Terms of Reference of the PAF
- The Implementation Framework



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# ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

## Social Development

- As the custodian of the Poverty Alleviation Strategy, the department shall plan, co-ordinate, manage and ensure integrated and multi-sectoral implementation of the Strategy.
- Provide resources, leadership & co-ordinate report on implementation of the Strategy.



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# ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES (Cont...)

## Other departments & Social Partners

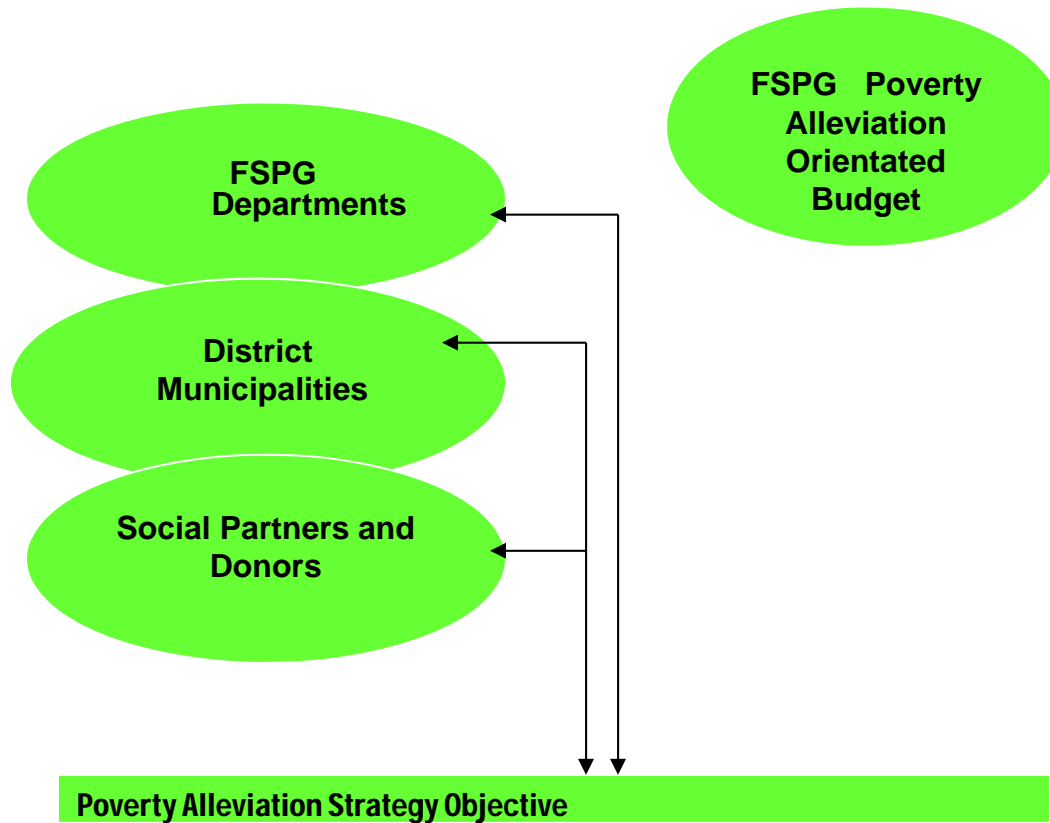
- Integrate plans & promote objectives of the Strategy.
- Commit resources & participate in Strategy implementation initiatives.



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# FUNDING MECHANISM



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# MONITORING & EVALUATION

Develop a Monitoring & Evaluation system that would:

- Develop a set of success indicators with clear targets & time frames
- Centralised Information Management System Develop
- Ensure multi-sectoral reporting



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## MONITORING & EVALUATION (Cont...)

- Evaluate & measure the impact of poverty alleviation initiatives
- Track variances
- Accommodate immediate corrective measures



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“One cannot think well, love well, sleep well,  
if one has not dined well”

(Virginia Woolf: 1929)



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