



Suriname


Advances and Challenges of the Social Policies of the fight against extreme poverty

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Vision of Governments social policy on poverty eradication

The main focus of the Government of Suriname regarding poverty reduction, is on:

creating conditions for prosperity and wellbeing as well as equal opportunity and equal access.

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Strategies for implementation of policy

Main executive body is the Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing

- ◆ Community development
 - Social security programs
- ◆ Participation of targetgroups
 - Stimulating public private partnership

Current Social Protection policy


Material services:

(Financial assistance;
Medical assistance card
(free medical provision),
Child allowance, Old age
pension, child feeding
programs, distribution of
School supplies, Subsidies
to Private care institutions,
Rent subsidies

Immaterial services:

Day- care centre's, Home
for the elderly, Centre for
boys with behavioral
problems, Youth care,
Elderly care, Community
development programs
Counseling of families and
individuals

Conditional Cash Transfer Program

- ◆ Restructuring of the social security system, meaning the merging of existing cash transfer programs into a Conditional Cash Transfer Program. This program provides needy households with necessary social services, goods and financial support.
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Kraka Yu Srefi

- ◆ Empowerment and capacity building program, which enables the beneficiaries to become skilled and able to provide for themselves, their families and communities. Thus breaking the vicious circle of poverty and deprivation.
- ◆ This program provides the Government with an exit strategy


Foundation for Labor Mobilization & Development

- ◆ This program is executed by the ministry of Labor and focuses on vocational training in its effort to alleviate unemployment.
- ◆ In collaboration with Ministry of Trade and Industry, projects to stimulate micro, small and medium sized businesses and offering vocational education for early dropouts and job seekers.


Community Development Program

- ◆ Implementing community development projects in collaboration with NGO and CBO. These are mostly aimed at the empowerment of local communities.

Challenges in the fight against extreme poverty

- ◆ Lack of coordination regarding policy and benefits made available by different institutes
 - ◆ Shortage of affordable housing
 - ◆ Lack of capacity to implement programs (simultaneously)
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Advances

- ◆ Proper targeting of beneficiaries of the CCT
 - ◆ Decentralization of services.
 - ◆ Budget line for the implementation of the Empowerment and Capacity building program “ Kraka Yu Srefi”.
 - ◆ Increase in the allowance of elderly, persons with disabilities and children.
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