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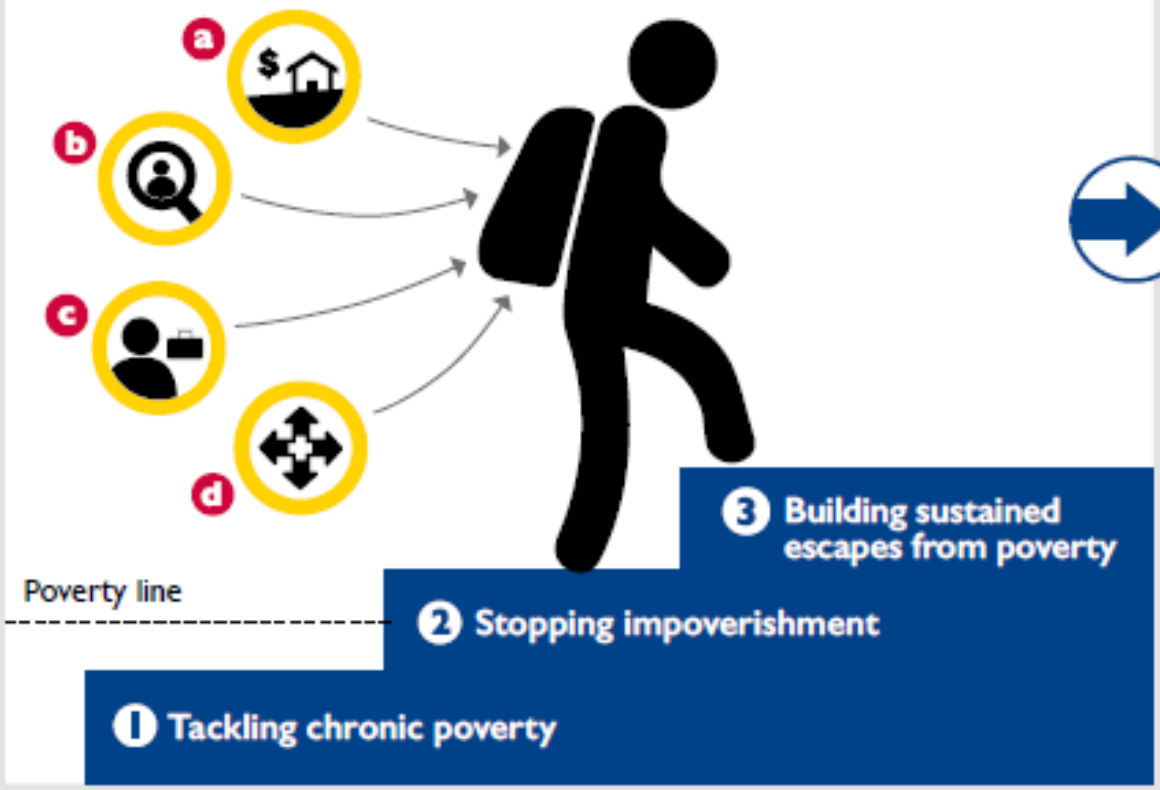
SUSTAINABLE POVERTY ESCAPES:
PROGRAMMING IMPLICATIONS

Promoting sustainable escapes from poverty means…



Cross-cutting policy areas:

- Inclusive economic growth
- Education
- Social assistance
- Access to health care including sexual and reproductive rights

Recommendations:

- Utilize context-specific poverty dynamics analysis to inform designs
- Take a portfolio response

…and developing programmes and policies in frequently neglected areas, including…

a Promote the rural non-farm economy

Alongside agricultural market development, stimulate growth in RNFE (trade, manufacturing, tourism, transport, mining, etc); ensure supportive policy framework for local enterprises; build demand for products and services through secondary town development and social protection; rural electrification and transport.

b Strengthen rural labour markets

Through focusing on workers, not just producers, support improvements in quantity, quality, and access. Support labour-intensive industries; target market information and wage monitoring; labour-market tightening through family planning and keeping children in school.

c Support safe and fair migration

Address negative attitudes to migrants; make social security portable; regulate labour contractors; access to appropriate finance; provision of information on opportunities and risks.

d Increase coverage of adequate social assistance and social insurance

Include programmes for the working age population; index benefits against inflation; subsidise premiums of the poorest.