

tackling poverty
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why?

lack of opportunities

problems of access to basics (food, education, healthcare)

vulnerable to exploitation by state (vote bank politics, corruption, excessive regulations and harrassment)

wide gap between rich and poor

limited scope for demanding rights within legal framework
(resort to violence and crime)

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education

critical for new opportunities for the individual; equips the poor with long lasting skills; improves their quality of life

basic
technical
for people with special needs

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deregulation

reduces state intervention and hence the possibility of harrassment of poor; shortens procedures and bureaucracy

promotes economic efficiency

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stimulating the market

for new jobs
development of economically backward areas

poor must be seen as consumers & producers;
poor segments must not remain unserved;
reduction in the cost of access for the poor
(eg, cost of long-distance travel to obtain or avail goods and services)

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government policies to promote self-employment

loans and microcredits to promote new entrepreneurs,
training and self-help groups
vocational courses at the end of which the poor are qualified for
loans

accessing means to sustain income is crucial
skills - addition to those already available
value addition to society: more entrepreneurs

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enhance cultural processes for changing attitudes and social constraints experienced by the poor

often, poverty is a culture, a state of mind that accepts the status quo and hopelessness

social schemes and markets working together to promote a growth-oriented mindset

remember that there are poor who require URGENT help – help now!

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application of principle of subsidiarity to promote solidarity and mutual assistance (charity) among citizens

civil society organizations
NGO's
international institutions

civil society can effectively fill in gaps left by less focused government schemes

tax benefits and incentives for corporate social responsibility

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for poorest of the poor

policies to enhance government and private initiatives for free food,
health care and housing the poor

Basics only (for sustenance)

community kitchens, shelter houses and sanitation for immediate
relief

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special policies for children in poverty

children are future of the society and should be taught to reject the
poverty mindset

midday meals for children who go to school in poor areas

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promoting self-organization mechanisms

poor can help themselves; organize themselves as self-help groups
for access to microfinance and new business within their community

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develop a monitoring and follow-up system and not only economic indicators

proper tracking of who benefit from state schemes

computerised systems (eg. using RFID cards for food stamps)

thank you
it has been a pleasure

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