

# Ending Poverty as a Global Goal

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## ABSTRACT

Global poverty remains one of the most pressing challenges in the 21st century, affecting over 700 million people worldwide. Despite significant technological advancements, globalisation, and economic growth, the rich-poor divide is still growing, particularly in developing regions. This research paper examines the complex interplay between globalization and poverty, exploring how global efforts, mainly through legal frameworks and international cooperation, can contribute to ending poverty as a global goal. Analyzing existing international treaties, conventions, National/ International/ regional initiatives, Programs or schemes, and successful case studies. **The paper highlights the critical role of law in poverty eradication.** Also, it identifies the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation in this context, arguing for more robust global governance and innovative legal approaches to ensure that poverty eradication efforts are both practical and sustainable. Ultimately, the paper provides **recommendations for enhancing the legal empowerment of the poor** and fostering global cooperation to achieve the ambitious goal of ending poverty.

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## INTRODUCTION

Poverty is a multifaceted issue that transcends national borders, impacting millions of lives and posing significant threats to global stability and development. As globalization deepens, the interconnectedness of economies, societies, and cultures has brought the issue of poverty to the forefront of international discourse. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have positioned eradicating poverty as the foremost global priority, underscoring its significance in achieving a just and equitable world.

The fact that poverty persists despite decades of international efforts calls for a critical analysis of the contribution that law and global governance may make to reducing poverty. This essay investigates how the core causes of poverty may be addressed and how sustainable development can be advanced via the employment of legal frameworks, international treaties, and international collaboration. **This research attempts to contribute to a fuller understanding of how the international community may successfully work towards the lofty goal of eradicating poverty** by assessing the accomplishments and obstacles of numerous global and regional efforts.

The paper begins by providing an overview of the global context of poverty and examining international

legal frameworks and their role in poverty alleviation. Through case studies and analysis, it will explore the intersection of law, justice, and globalization in the fight against poverty, ultimately offering recommendations for enhancing global efforts to eradicate poverty.

## OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this research paper is to explore the complex interplay between globalization and poverty, focusing on how global efforts through legal frameworks and international cooperation can effectively contribute to ending poverty as a global goal. The paper aims to:

- **Analyze the Global Context of Poverty:** Examine the multifaceted nature of poverty, including its economic, social, and cultural dimensions, and how these are affected by globalization.
- **Assess International Legal Frameworks and Policies:** Evaluate the role of international treaties, conventions, and agreements, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in addressing poverty and promoting human rights.
- **Evaluate National and Regional Approaches:** Investigate successful national and regional poverty alleviation programs and policies, assessing their effectiveness and potential for replication.
- **Identify Challenges and Opportunities:** Highlight the critical challenges in eradicating poverty, including structural causes, uneven prosperity, and non-income dimensions, and explore opportunities for improvement through innovative legal and policy approaches.
- **Provide Recommendations:** Offer practical recommendations for enhancing global efforts to end poverty, focusing on legal empowerment, global cooperation, and sustainable development strategies.

## CHAPTER I- GLOBAL CONTEXT OF POVERTY

Poverty is a complex and pervasive issue that affects millions of people worldwide. Despite significant economic advancements and globalization, poverty remains a critical challenge, particularly in developing regions. Understanding the global context of poverty requires a comprehensive analysis of its various dimensions—economic, social, and cultural—and how these dimensions interact within the framework of globalization.

### 1. Defining Poverty

Economic definitions of **‘poverty often include the absence of resources or income required to satisfy fundamental requirements**. However, this description falls short of capturing the essence of poverty. Lack of access to chances for full societal participation and clean water, healthcare, education, and sanitation are all considered aspects of poverty. It is a complex phenomenon with a range of effects on people and communities, making it a persistent problem that needs sophisticated knowledge and remedies.

### 2. Global Poverty Statistics and Trends

Recent data from international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank provide a stark picture of global poverty levels. **‘In 2022, a total of 712 million people globally were living in extreme poverty, surviving on less than \$2.15 per day’**.<sup>1</sup> Before September 2022, the extreme poverty line was ‘\$1.90 per person per day’. While rates of poverty have significantly decreased in certain areas—like East Asia and the Pacific—high levels of poverty persist in others, especially Sub-Saharan Africa. The novel corona virus pandemic has further intensified the situation, pushing millions more into poverty and reversing years of progress.

<sup>1</sup> World Bank, *Poverty Overview*, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview> (last visited Aug. 9, 2024).



Source: World Bank PIP, Mahler et al. 2022, UN World Population Prospects, and IMF World Economic Outlook

The poverty estimate data at various levels including the International level, rely over two key data inputs:

- Household survey data shows individuals' earnings and spending.
- Price data: the costs prevailing in the economy.

Combining these statistics allows us to evaluate if people's income and consumption are sufficient to cover a universal set of essential goods and services. If the total amount falls below the World Bank's criterion, persons are classified as living in severe poverty<sup>2</sup>.

### 3. The Impact of Globalization on Poverty

The influence of globalization on poverty has been uneven. On the one hand, it has helped millions of people escape poverty via trade, economic expansion, and technical advancements—particularly in nations like China and India. On the other hand, because the advantages of economic progress are frequently dispersed unevenly, globalization has also increased inequality. Globalization has frequently made it harder to accomplish goals aimed at reducing poverty by widening the wealth and poverty gaps both within and between nations.

### 4. Regional Disparities

Poverty is not evenly distributed across the globe. Regions, specifically Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, bear the brunt of global poverty. These regions face unique challenges, including political instability, conflict, and environmental degradation, exacerbating poverty. In contrast, developed regions have more resources and more robust institutions to combat poverty, lowering poverty rates.

<sup>2</sup> *The Price of Poverty: 'Interpreting Updated Extreme Poverty Line'*, Devinit (Aug. 9, 2024), <https://devinit.org/blog/the-price-of-poverty-interpreting-updated-extreme-poverty-line/>.

China and India have had the most significant national declines in the percentage of people living in severe poverty. Nearly 100 crore people in China and India were pulled out of extreme poverty between the 1990s to 2022, and it's still growing. Despite the impacts of the novel Coronavirus lessening the impact of this development, levels in these countries are presently lower than they were in the year 2019. China's extreme poverty rate is far lower than that of the US, the UK, or Canada—roughly one-tenth of one percent in 2019 and even lower in 2022.

## 5. Structural Causes of Poverty

**Understanding global poverty necessitates an exploration of the structural causes that perpetuate it.** These causes encompass systemic issues such as corruption, ineffective governance, inadequate access to education and healthcare, and economic policies that disproportionately benefit the wealthy. Addressing these structural factors is crucial for any substantive global poverty reduction effort.

The social, economic, and political structures of a society all have a role in allocating resources, opportunities, and power dynamics that are structural causes of poverty. These deeply rooted factors influence the systems that generate and maintain poverty. Sociologists investigate structural issues in an attempt to unearth these fundamental mechanisms.

Due to the concentration of wealth within a few elites, possibilities for those at the lower end of the socioeconomic range are limited, contributing significantly to economic inequality. Poverty is sustained because of the restricted access to high-quality jobs, healthcare, and education caused by this wealth concentration. Furthermore, prejudice based on a person's race, gender, or ethnicity perpetuates poverty by erecting structural obstacles like uneven access to jobs and educational opportunities. Because social exclusion routinely denies some people access to opportunities and resources, it exacerbates poverty by solidifying their disadvantages.

The inadequacy of social safety nets also compounds poverty by providing insufficient support to those in economic distress, thereby obstructing upward mobility. Moreover, international monetary policies, including trade agreements and debt structures, often favor wealthier nations, leading to resource exploitation and unequal trade relations that contribute to the persistence of global poverty.<sup>3</sup>

In summary, poverty remains a significant global challenge that is deeply intertwined with the processes of globalization. Although millions have been pulled out of poverty by economic progress and technical improvements, the advantages have not been spread equally, which has resulted in continuing poverty in many regions of the world. A comprehensive understanding of the global context of poverty is crucial for developing effective legal and policy measures to address this issue and achieve the goal of ending poverty.

## CHAPTER II- INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND POLICIES

Many international legal frameworks are in place to support human rights and fight poverty. These frameworks emphasize the connections between eradicating poverty and defending human rights by outlining the responsibilities of nations to address poverty and its root causes. 'Eliminating poverty' and 'Promoting human rights' are interrelated objectives of many international treaties and commitments.<sup>4</sup> International legal frameworks addressing poverty primarily center around human rights treaties and declarations recognizing the right to an adequate standard of living. The development of these frameworks

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, *International Standards*, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/sr-poverty/international-standards> (last visited Aug. 9, 2024).

involves an intricate interplay between international treaties, national legislation, and policy approaches, which collectively strive to address the multifaceted nature of poverty.

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) is a critical instrument that guarantees rights essential for a dignified life, including the rights to work, social security, and an adequate standard of living. Various human rights agreements underline the commitment of countries to combat poverty.

### 1. International Treaties and Agreements

International treaties and agreements have long served as the bedrock of global efforts to combat poverty. The **‘International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights’ (ICESCR) is a crucial instrument that assures rights essential for a dignified life, including the rights to work, social security, and an adequate standard of living.** Various human rights agreements underline the commitment of countries to combat poverty. For instance, the ‘Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ affirms that everyone has the ‘right to a standard of living adequate for health and well-being’, which includes food, clothing, housing, and medical care under Articles 22 and 25 of UDHR<sup>5</sup>. This covenant establishes the obligation of member states to take suitable actions to ensure of these rights, thus laying the groundwork for international cooperation in poverty alleviation. Article 11, 12, 13, & 14<sup>6</sup> of the ‘Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women’ further highlight how poverty disproportionately affects vulnerable groups, including women and children.

Furthermore, **the ‘17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’ of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, which, in 2015, received support from every UN member state, have refocused attention on ending poverty, **Goal 1, "No Poverty," sets ambitious targets to end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030**<sup>7</sup>. This goal underscores the need for comprehensive and coordinated efforts across all sectors and levels of government. Although the SDGs are not legally binding, they have been instrumental in guiding national and international policy, mobilizing resources, and fostering global partnerships aimed at poverty reduction.

In addition to these broad frameworks, specific international agreements, such as the Doha Development Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO), have sought to address systemic issues contributing to global poverty, particularly in developing countries. These agreements aim to reform trade policies, reduce tariffs, and eliminate trade barriers disproportionately affecting impoverished nations. By improving access to global markets and encouraging fair trade practices, these legal instruments contribute to the broader goal of poverty eradication.

### 2. National Legislation and Policy Approaches

National law is critical for turning international promises into accurate measures that directly impact the lives of the poor. Several countries have passed laws and policies aimed at reducing poverty, promoting social welfare, and ensuring fair access to resources and opportunities. For example, India's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) of 2005<sup>8</sup> is one of the most significant social welfare programs globally. MGNREGA guarantees a minimum of a hundred days of employment over a fiscal year to each and every rural family whose adult members agree to conduct unskilled manual

<sup>5</sup> Universal Declaration of Human Rights, arts. 22 & 25, G.A. Res. 217A (III), U.N. Doc. A/810 at 71 (1948).

<sup>6</sup> Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, arts. 11-14, Dec. 18, 1979, 1249 U.N.T.S. 13.

<sup>7</sup> ‘Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, G.A. Res. 70/1, U.N. Doc. A/RES/70/1 (Sept. 25, 2015).

<sup>8</sup> The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, No. 42 of 2005, Acts of Parliament, 2005 (India).

work. This legislation has been pivotal in reducing rural poverty, improving income security, and empowering marginalized communities, particularly women. It also serves as a model for other developing nations seeking to implement large-scale social protection programs.

In Brazil, the ‘Bolsa Família program’ represents a successful approach to conditional cash transfers, significantly reducing poverty and inequality.<sup>9</sup> Established in 2003, the initiative gives financial help to disadvantaged families on the condition that their children attend school and get vaccines. This policy addresses immediate financial needs and promotes long-term human capital development, thereby breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Its success inspired similar initiatives in other Latin American countries, demonstrating the potential of well-designed national policies for poverty reduction. In contrast, high-income countries often focus on comprehensive social safety nets, including unemployment benefits, healthcare, and housing assistance. These programs, while costly, are essential in preventing poverty and reducing inequality. For instance, Scandinavian countries have implemented extensive welfare states that provide universal healthcare, free education, and generous social benefits. These policies, underpinned by robust legal frameworks, have been remarkably effective in maintaining low poverty levels and high living standards.

### 3. Comparative Analysis of Legal Instruments

A comparative analysis of legal instruments across different countries and regions highlights the diversity of approaches to poverty alleviation. This analysis reveals that while some countries prioritize direct financial support through cash transfers and subsidies, others focus on creating legal frameworks that promote employment, social security, and access to essential services.

For example, the legal framework in South Africa, which enshrines socio-economic rights in its Constitution, provides a robust foundation for poverty reduction efforts. The South African Constitution, adopted in 1996, guarantees the right to access adequate housing, healthcare, food, water, and social security. The Judiciary played a pivotal role in interpreting and enforcing these rights, leading to significant advances in areas such as housing and healthcare. However, the persistent challenges of poverty and inequality in South Africa underscore the complexities of translating legal rights into practical outcomes.

In contrast, countries like China have focused on rapid economic growth as a primary means of poverty reduction, supported by legal reforms that facilitate market access and private sector development. China's targeted poverty alleviation strategy, which includes specific legal measures to promote rural development and urbanization, has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty in recent decades. This approach, while effective in reducing income poverty, raises questions about sustainability and the long-term impacts on inequality and social cohesion.

The comparison of these diverse approaches underscores the importance of context-specific Legal systems that do not just address the symptoms of poverty but also tackle its root causes. It also highlights the role of legal institutions in ensuring that poverty reduction efforts are inclusive, equitable, and sustainable.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

### GOAL 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

A plan known as the Global Goals was approved by 193 members of the UN in September 2015 with the intention of eradicating poverty, addressing inequality, and safeguarding the environment by 2030. 17

<sup>9</sup> Ferreira, F. H. G., & Robalino, D. (2010). Social Protection in Latin America: Achievements and Limitations. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5305*.

Objectives to Change the World for People and the Planet. The desire to build on the accomplishments of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)<sup>10</sup>, which were implemented between 2000 and 2015, led to the creation of this new set of goals. Making the reduction of poverty in all forms a first goal shows the importance of the attention of the State over it. Eradicating poverty is crucial for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 1<sup>11</sup>, which aims to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. Poverty alleviation is fundamental for ensuring that all individuals have access to basic needs such as food, clean water, shelter, and healthcare. Eliminating poverty promotes economic growth by enabling more people to contribute productively to society. It also fosters social stability and equity, as poverty often exacerbates inequalities and can lead to social unrest. Addressing poverty is essential for improving education outcomes, as impoverished families are less likely to have access to quality education, affecting future generations. By ending poverty, we pave the way for a healthier, more educated, and economically stable global community, ultimately contributing to overall human well-being and sustainable development.

### CHAPTER III- CHALLENGES IN ENDING GLOBAL POVERTY

Efforts to eradicate global poverty face numerous and complex challenges, reflecting the multifaceted nature of poverty itself. These challenges are often interconnected and exacerbate each other, complicating the pursuit of practical solutions. The Global Monitoring Report identifies three primary challenges in addressing global poverty and ensuring equitable development.

First, while the global poverty rate is decreasing, the depth of poverty remains a critical issue, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. Despite notable progress, poverty continues to be profound, with millions still living in extreme poverty. The concept of "person-equivalent poverty" is introduced to better capture the severity of poverty. This measure combines the poverty headcount rate with an assessment of how far individuals' incomes fall below the poverty line. This approach reveals that, in terms of person-equivalents, poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa is notably deeper compared to other regions, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions in the most affected areas.

Second, the issue of **uneven shared prosperity** is evident. It is critical to concentrate on increasing income growth for the B40, or the poorest 40% of the population, yet significant disparities exist. Incomes for the B40 have experienced varied trends across different countries, with some high-income and low-income countries reporting declines. Furthermore, overall income growth for the B40 has slowed, which contrasts with the more gradual decline observed for the general population. This disparity highlights the need for policies that ensure more equitable income distribution and support for the most vulnerable groups.

Third, **persistent disparities in non-income dimensions of development** present a significant challenge. These include inequalities in access to education, healthcare, and other essential services. Despite improvements in some areas, such as education and health, substantial gaps remain. For instance, child undernutrition and the prevalence of preventable diseases continue to affect millions. Addressing these non-income dimensions is essential for breaking the cycle of poverty and achieving sustainable development.

To achieve sustained progress, it is crucial to address these interrelated challenges comprehensively. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for a holistic approach to development that integrates efforts to reduce income and non-income poverty. A greater focus on the depth of poverty, the unevenness of shared prosperity, and non-income disparities is necessary to make meaningful strides toward global

<sup>10</sup> United Nations, *Millennium Development Goals*, <https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/> (last visited Aug. 9, 2024).

<sup>11</sup> Ibid

development and equity.

#### CHAPTER IV- POVERTY ALLEVIATION ADOPTION PROGRAM

Traditional poverty reduction techniques have shown mixed outcomes. Thus, novel ideas have arisen as critical instruments in the battle against global poverty. These ideas, which combine technology, social entrepreneurship, and community-driven projects, are changing the face of poverty reduction. Additionally, in some instances, multinational corporations (MNCs) may sponsor a town to alleviate poverty worldwide, which can be televised for branding purposes. Through Public-Private Partnerships, poverty alleviation programs can be launched in needed zones.<sup>12</sup>

The Indian government has implemented several programs and initiatives to raise living standards and reduce poverty, especially in rural regions. Comprehending these initiatives is essential to appreciating the government's many endeavors to eradicate poverty.

The **National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)**, which is currently known as the 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act' (MGNREGA), is one of the most critical programs. This program, introduced on February 2, 2006, offers adult members of rural families willing to perform unskilled physical labor 100 days of paid employment every fiscal year. NREGA seeks to raise rural populations' living standards and livelihood security by creating job opportunities. Because of its rights-based framework, which guarantees demand-driven employment and directs earnings into workers' bank accounts, it fosters accountability and transparency.

The **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**, introduced on December 25, 2000, is another important program. The primary goal of this project is to connect disconnected rural communities with all-weather roads, which is essential for both social and economic advancement. In addition to enhancing rural residents' access to markets, healthcare, and education, road building and maintenance under PMGSY also generate jobs for them.

The **Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)** and the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) were combined to create the '**Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)**', which was launched in 2001. SGRY aimed to develop long-lasting communal assets while giving the rural poor wage jobs and food security. With a special attention towards the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, like Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Women, this program aimed to shield kids from dangerous labor by supporting their families.

The **Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)**, which was introduced in 1985, was crucial in the housing industry in helping the impoverished in rural areas find houses. Under the initiative, households living below the poverty line (BPL) might get financial support for the building of housing units, with an emphasis on transforming temporary kutchha huts into permanent pucca houses. IAY eventually changed its name to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), which has the audacious objective of housing everyone by 2022, especially in rural regions.

Lastly, demand-driven initiatives were used in the 1999 introduction of the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) to enhance rural infrastructure holistically. The plan was to provide jobs for both skilled and unskilled labor while building infrastructure catering to village communities' unique demands. JGSY encouraged local involvement in development initiatives and decentralized government by giving village panchayats considerable authority.

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<sup>12</sup> T. Dakshinamurthy, Dr. R. Ramesh & Dr. A. Stephen, 'Innovative Strategies for Reducing Poverty, *International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts*', Vol. 11, Issue 5, *IJCRT* 537 (2023)



With a focus on inclusion and sustainable development, these initiatives represent the Indian government's comprehensive and strategic approach to addressing the many aspects of poverty, such as jobs, housing, infrastructure, and food security.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Strengthening Social Protection Systems

- Governments should expand social protection programs, including universal basic income, unemployment benefits, and child support, to ensure a safety net for vulnerable populations.
- Prioritizing the implementation of digital platforms can help distribute aid effectively and reduce corruption in resource allocation.

### 2. Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth

- Economic policies should focus on fostering job creation in sectors that have the potential to employ large numbers of people, such as agriculture, manufacturing, and green energy.
- Investing in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by providing easier access to credit and reducing bureaucratic hurdles will enable them to scale and create more jobs.

### 3. Enhancing Skill Development Programs

- Governments and international organizations should work towards improving access to quality education and vocational training, particularly in impoverished and rural areas.
- Developing public-private partnerships can help create job-oriented training programs that align with market demands, ensuring that education leads to employment opportunities.

### 4. Addressing Inequality

- Progressive tax policies that reduce income inequality and redistribute wealth more effectively should be implemented.
- Measures to close the gender wage gap and provide equal opportunities for women and marginalized communities will significantly contribute to poverty reduction.

### 5. Improving Healthcare Access

- Strengthening healthcare systems to provide affordable and accessible medical care is crucial, as poor health is both a cause and consequence of poverty.
- Increasing investments in primary healthcare facilities in underserved regions and promoting community health programs focusing on preventive care are essential.

### 6. Fostering International Collaboration

- Strengthening global partnerships and international cooperation to address transnational issues like climate change, which disproportionately affects people experiencing poverty, is vital.
- Encouraging developed nations to fulfill their commitments to foreign aid and supporting capacity-building initiatives in developing countries will enhance global efforts to reduce poverty.

### 7. Utilizing Technology for Poverty Alleviation

- Leveraging technology to improve access to information, markets, and services for people experiencing poverty, including mobile banking, e-learning platforms, and telemedicine, can significantly reduce poverty.
- Promoting digital literacy programs will ensure disadvantaged communities fully benefit from technological advancements.

### 8. Ensuring Sustainable Development

- Aligning poverty reduction strategies with sustainable development goals (SDGs) will ensure long-

term economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

- Integrating climate resilience into poverty reduction programs is particularly important in areas vulnerable to natural disasters and environmental degradation.

## CONCLUSION

Ending poverty remains one of the most urgent and challenging goals on the global agenda. Despite significant progress in various regions, the persistence of extreme poverty, coupled with rising inequalities, underscores the need for continued and enhanced efforts. Globalization, while offering opportunities for economic growth, has also contributed to uneven development, making the fight against poverty more complex. **International legal frameworks and policies, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, provide a solid foundation for coordinated action,** yet their effectiveness depends on robust implementation and genuine commitment from nations.

**Addressing poverty requires a multifaceted approach** that includes strengthening social protection systems, promoting inclusive economic growth, and enhancing education and healthcare access. Tackling the structural causes of poverty, such as inequality and inadequate access to essential services, is crucial for sustainable progress. Furthermore, international collaboration and innovative solutions, including leveraging technology, are vital in addressing the global dimensions of poverty.

Ultimately, achieving the goal of ending poverty will demand concerted efforts from governments, international organizations, and communities worldwide. By aligning strategies with sustainable development principles and ensuring that no one is left behind, the global community can work towards a future world where poverty will no longer be a barrier to human dignity and potential.