

The Means to Live

discussion paper series

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These series of seven papers on poverty alleviation programmes in South Africa were written/commissioned by the *Means to Live Project* of the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town. This project aims to evaluate the government's targeting mechanisms to ensure the realisation of the socio-economic rights of poor children and their families.

For an introduction to the project and a summary of the initial findings of the papers, see:



Leatt A, Rosa S & Hall K (2005) *Towards a Means to Live: Targeting poverty alleviation to make children's rights real.*

For a review of specific poverty alleviation programmes that impact on children's lives, see:



Social security:
Rosa S, Leatt A & Hall K (2005) *Does the Means Justify the End? Targeting the Child Support Grant.*



Education:
Veriava F (2005) *Free to Learn: A review of the School Fee Exemption policy.*



Nutrition:
Kallman K (2005) *Food for Thought: A review of the National School Nutrition Programme.*



Health:
Shung-King M, McIntyre D & Jacobs M (2005) *Healing Inequality: Targeting health care for children.*



Housing:
Hall K (2005) *Accommodating the Poor? A review of the Housing Subsidy Scheme and its implications for children.*



Water:
Mosdell T & Leatt A (2005) *On Tap: A review of the Free Basic Water policy.*

Each of the papers is designed to stand alone as a review of a policy or programme. Together, the papers form a set which provides a preliminary overview and assessment of the main national poverty alleviation programmes relevant to children's rights. All of the papers look at the history, policy context, constitutional rights, poverty definitions, operational plans and, where possible, implementation of the various interventions. They include analyses of the targeting mechanisms, pointing to areas that require more primary research and that may need modification to be more effective or equitable.



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