

Targets

Opportunity for All

Opportunity for All sets the following targets for reducing poverty rates: 20% by 2020 and 50% by 2030 (starting at the 2015 MBM rate of 12.1%). These targets are consistent with part of Canada's commitment to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** (section 1.2 of the first goal – End Poverty). However, the overall goal is poverty eradication and requires additional commitments to be achieved by 2030. This target seems to be a minimum adherence to this commitment.

Dignity for All

Dignity for All has not recommended specific targets for poverty eradication but has noted that a rights-based strategy should include broad targets, as well as specific targets in relation to the groups most affected. These targets should focus on immediate, short, and long-term commitments, ensuring that urgent needs are addressed right away, and not years down the road into the strategy.

For *Dignity for All*, meeting targets and timelines must involve engaging in an ongoing way with people living in poverty and ensuring that the specific needs of affected communities are being addressed.

For *Dignity for All*, the goal for a national anti-poverty plan is poverty eradication. So, although targets and timelines for poverty reduction have been set, the ultimate goal of ending poverty in Canada requires going beyond the target set in the current strategy.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals are a set of 17 global objectives developed in 2015 following the end of the Millennium Development Goals. In addition to the eradication of poverty, the goals include targets like **No Hunger, Quality Education, and Gender Equality**, and have been adopted by the 193 member states of the United Nations.