



Pillars of the Strategy

Dignity

Opportunity for All

Opportunity for All names dignity as a key pillar that involves lifting people out of poverty and ensuring basic needs are met. This includes addressing things like deep income poverty, unmet housing needs and homelessness, unmet health needs, and food insecurity.

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As is clear by the campaign's name, *Dignity for All* takes as its main priority ensuring that the dignity of all people is at the core of ending poverty in Canada. It is also a priority that those who are in the most urgent need and are the most vulnerable are supported immediately through a poverty strategy. The range of indicators identified in this pillar are consistent with several of the policy and rights priorities outlined by *Dignity for All*.

Opportunity and Inclusion

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Opportunity for All outlines its second pillar, Opportunity and Inclusion, as promoting full participation in society and equality of opportunity. It recognizes the barriers faced by some communities, due to systemic and historic colonialism, racism, sexism, sexual orientation, and other forms of discrimination. This pillar includes addressing the bottom 40% income share, relative low income, youth engagement, and literacy and numeracy.

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Dignity for All recognizes that a rights-based strategy requires an end to discrimination and ongoing engagement with communities most impacted by poverty, particularly those facing multiple barriers. Along with ensuring accountability through strong internal and external mechanisms and legislation, *Dignity for All* human rights approach commits to equity and non-discrimination in every stage of the strategy, from development, substance, implementation to monitoring and review.

Resilience and Security

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Opportunity for All has as its third pillar Resilience and Security, protecting people from falling into poverty and improving income security and resilience. It addresses this pillar by building asset resilience, monitoring the average poverty gap, as well as poverty entry and exit rates, and monitoring the median hourly wage.

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Dignity for All has made several recommendations in the priority policy area of income security. This includes reinstating minimum national standards for provincial and territorial income assistance and an enhanced Canada Social Transfer to strengthen provincial and territorial poverty reduction strategies. The fully-indexed Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is an important update that goes beyond our initial recommendation. As well, enhancements to Employment Insurance, the Canadian Workers Benefit, Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement have gone part of the way to improve income security for some groups.