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POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

Poverty is complex and impacts individuals in many different ways. For some, poverty is temporary, while for others, it can last a long time. It may even be passed from parents to children. Poverty leads to social and economic exclusion.

As the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, I want to find innovative solutions to help people to be lift out of poverty. I am reaching out to diverse groups of people to gather their input, expertise and views. This includes provincial, territorial and municipal partners, Indigenous people, community organizations, poverty experts and academics, the business community and, notably, people living in poverty. Together, we are working toward reducing poverty rates in Canada.

This input will be used in the development of a Canadian poverty reduction strategy to help low-income Canadians exit poverty so they can thrive and realize their full potential.

CONSULTING CANADIANS

Consulting with Canadians is an extremely important way in which our government collects ideas and information that shape the development of policies. The Poverty Reduction Strategy will take a multi-pronged approach when reaching out to Canadians on this important topic.

We are establishing an advisory committee that will include experts in the field as well as individuals who have lived in poverty. Apply by March 27 to be a member of the [Ministerial Advisory Committee](#).

In February we launched an [online consultation](#) process to gather a wide variety of views and start a dialogue on this important issue. I invite you to participate in this conversation by sharing your stories, taking part in the discussion forums and completing a survey.

Roundtables are now being held across the country. I am meeting with experts and stakeholders to discuss a variety of themes which address issues relating to poverty.

And finally, the *Tackling Poverty Together* [research project](#) is building case studies in six communities to help us better understand the impact of poverty reduction programs.

Be a part of this important work! Share your experiences, ideas and suggestions at Canada.ca/reduce-poverty or join the online conversation using hashtag #ReducePoverty and help realize our vision of a diverse, prosperous and truly inclusive Canada.