

Introducing a Poverty Report Series in WDG

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Why a Poverty Report Series?

- Poverty impacts access to basic needs (food, housing, transport, education, social inclusion).
- Poverty data and insights often exist in silos.
- Poverty is complex and deeply rooted.

This series responds to the local need for a centralized, coherent, and equity-informed understanding of poverty to guide action.



A Collaborative, Community-Grounded Report

Developed in close collaboration
with community partners:

- Guelph & Wellington Poverty Elimination Collaborative
- Toward Common Ground

Engagements with Dufferin-based
organizations are underway.

Reflects lived experience via locally
validated vignettes

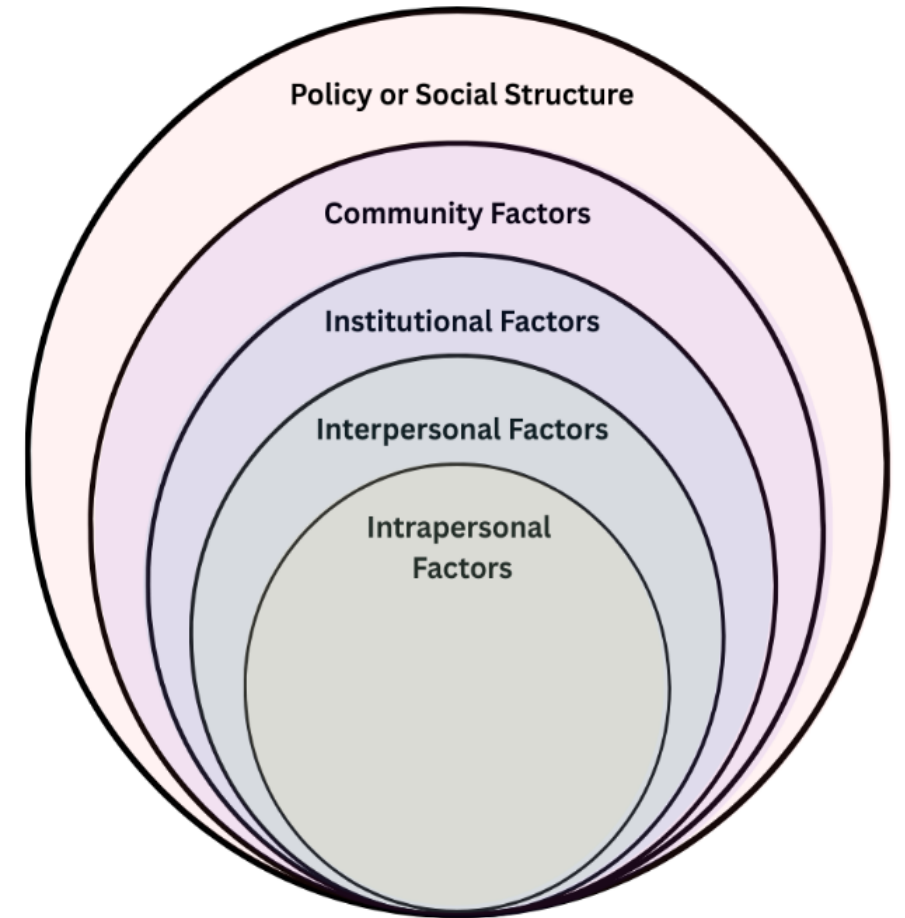


Toward Common Ground

An Introduction to Poverty

Introduces:

- Definitions (e.g., Absolute poverty, relative poverty, and social exclusion)
- Measurement tools (e.g., MBM, LIM, exposure-specific measurements)
- A socioecological model for understanding layered causes of poverty
- National and provincial strategies for reducing poverty



The Full Series

- Quarterly releases planned throughout 2026; final report expected in early 2027
- Upcoming chapters will explore (either as standalone or combined):
 - Who experiences poverty locally
 - Links between poverty and health outcomes
 - Food and housing insecurity
 - Cost-of-living pressures
 - Working poverty and social assistance trends
 - Evidence-informed and community-led solutions

