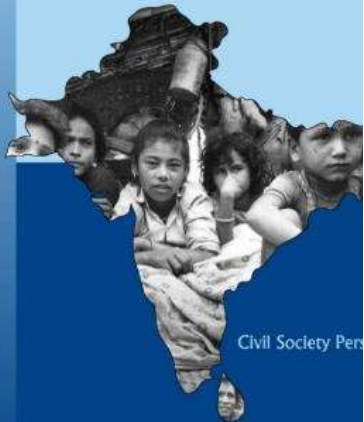


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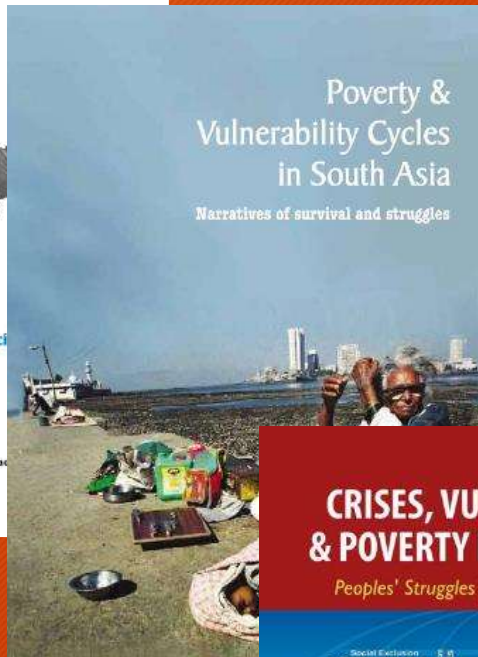
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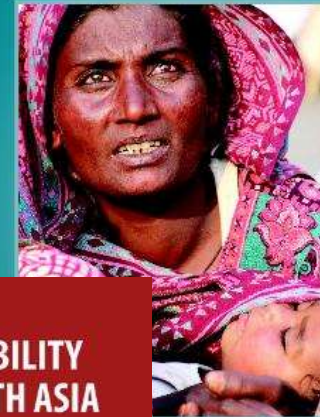
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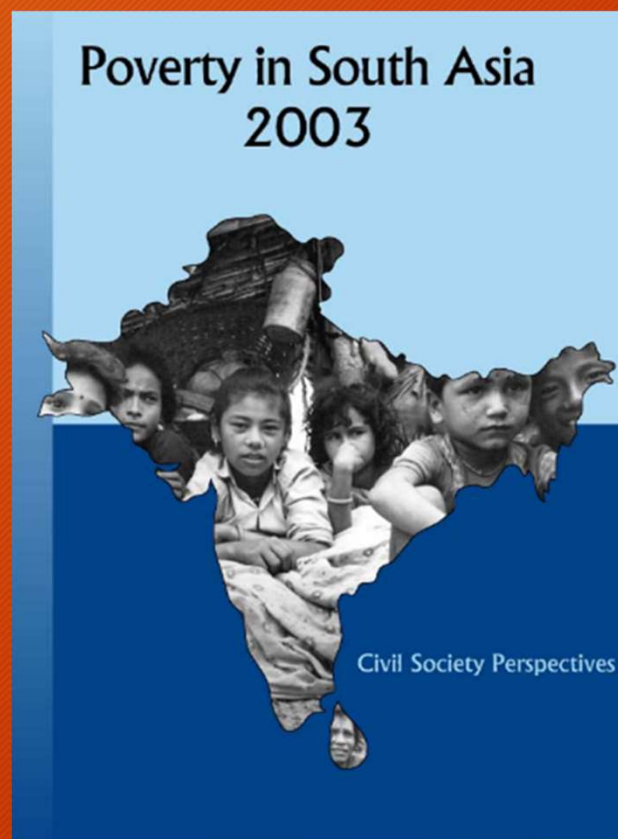


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- The poverty report is a major advocacy tool towards the promotion of pro-poor and pro-people alternative development paradigm which is the major thrust of SAAPE advocacy and campaigns.
- SAAPE is also using the report to engage with national, regional and global agencies like, SAARC, BIMSTEC, EU, UN to influence its development policies.

# SAAPE Poverty Report 2003



# Themes in the Poverty Report 2003

- Agriculture
  - High yield varieties offered short term solutions
  - SAPs are a disaster for employment, food sovereignty and the environment
  - Land Reform: Neglected agenda
  - TRIPS: patenting of plant varieties
- Globalization and Liberalization
  - Dependency, de-industrialization, landlessness forces people into low productivity jobs in informal sector
- Debt

# Themes in the Poverty Report 2003 (Continued)

- Gender discrimination in legal, economic, political and social spheres
  - South Asian women's real GDP lowest in the world
  - Lowest female literacy rates, largest gap between male and female literacy
- Human Rights
  - State violence (Sri Lanka), lack of civil rights (Bhutan), corruption
- Food Security
  - Low investment in agricultural research leads to low agricultural productivity
  - Environmentally destructive farming methods have destroyed topsoil

# 2003 Report : Author and Advisory Group

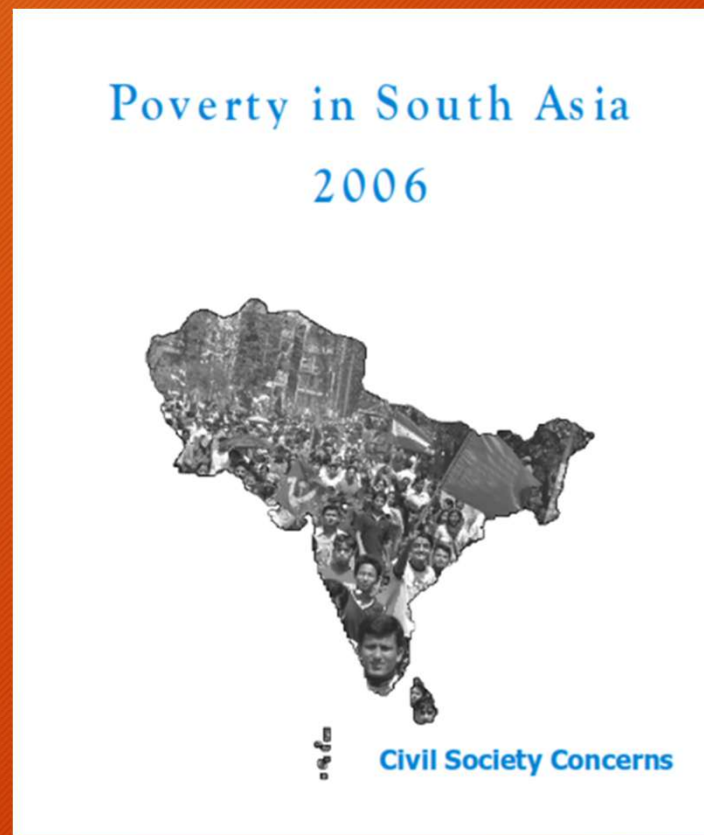
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# SAAPE Poverty Report 2006



# Themes in the Poverty Report 2006

- Food Sovereignty
  - Mainstream discourse limited to food security which can lead farmers dependent on international market forces
  - Food security not the same as food availability
  - HYV variants displacing indigenous food (Bangladesh)
  - Government schemes are being dismantled under neo-liberal pressure
- Peace, Justice and Demilitarisation
  - Militarization of society
  - The threat from ethnic/religious conflict and religious fundamentalism
  - Human rights by state and non-state actors

# Themes in the Poverty Report 2006 (Continued)

- Labor
- Governance
  - Reforms in bureaucracy, judiciary, decentralization needed
  - Rule of law, setting and functioning of good institutions needed
- Gender
  - Non-availability of critical health services poses risks to women's health
  - Discrimination is pervasive though international instruments such as CEDAW has been ratified
  - Gender gap in education and literacy
  - Employment: Women are overworked and underpaid
  - VAW is widespread and often reflects socioeconomic conditions

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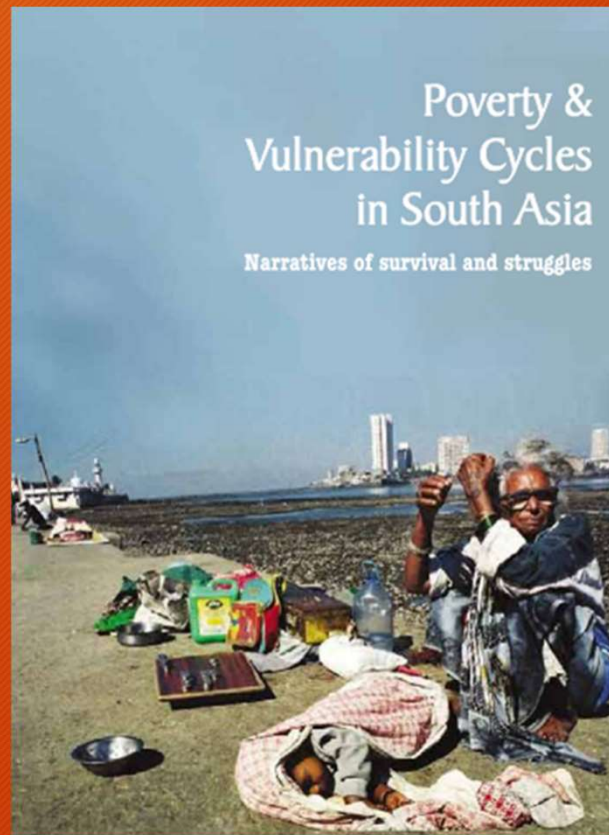
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# SAAPE Poverty Report 2009



# Themes in the Poverty Report 2009

- Depletion of Natural Resources
  - Eco-plundering by foreign corporations
  - State inaction
- Climate Change
- Development induced Displacement
  - Loss of community identity, psychological, social, cultural infrastructure
  - Fragmentation of communities caused by displacement
- Women's conditions and Struggle for equality
  - How deregulation and globalization are increasing vulnerabilities felt by women

# Themes in the Poverty Report 2009 (Continued)

- Caste and citizenship
  - Deleterious effect of Brahminical social order
  - How Dalits are still suffering today because of it
- Ethnic/Religious Conflict
  - Breakdown of communities, instability, collapse of traditional livelihood support system
- Geopolitics and the War on Terror
- Distress Migration and Labour
  - How globalization forces have created cheap, expendable forms of labor that can be harassed, whose human rights are violated and who have little recourse to justice

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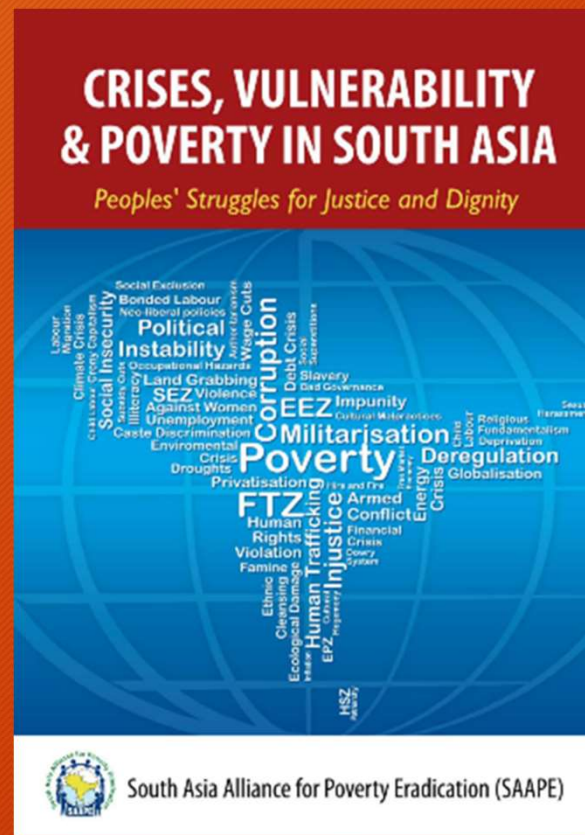
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# Themes in the Poverty Report 2013

- Broad Policy Regimes
  - Failure of building domestic capacity
  - Collusion between local/ global capitalism
- Impact of neo-liberalism on poor
- Economic globalization and gender justice
  - Feminization of poverty
  - Care
- Growing militarization and threats to democracy
  - Militarization or democratization
- Resistance Movements in South Asia Against Neo-Liberalism

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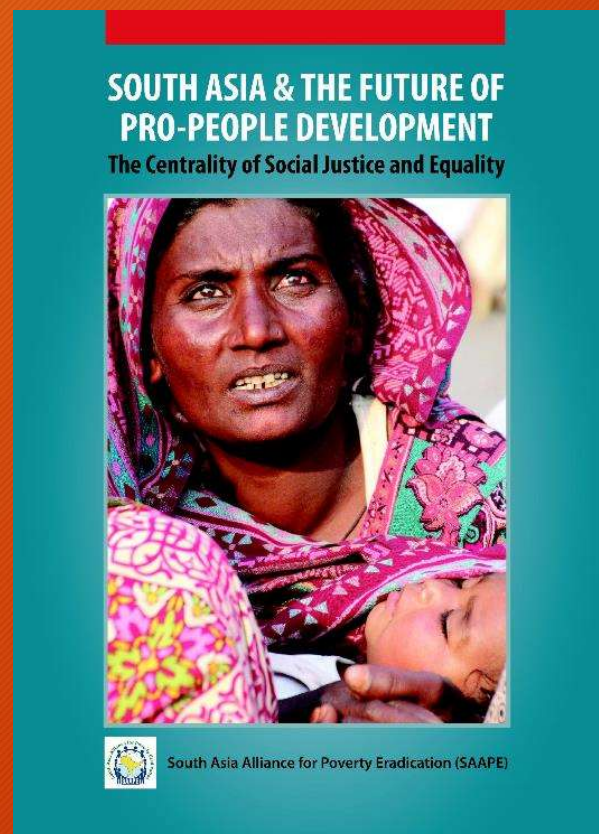
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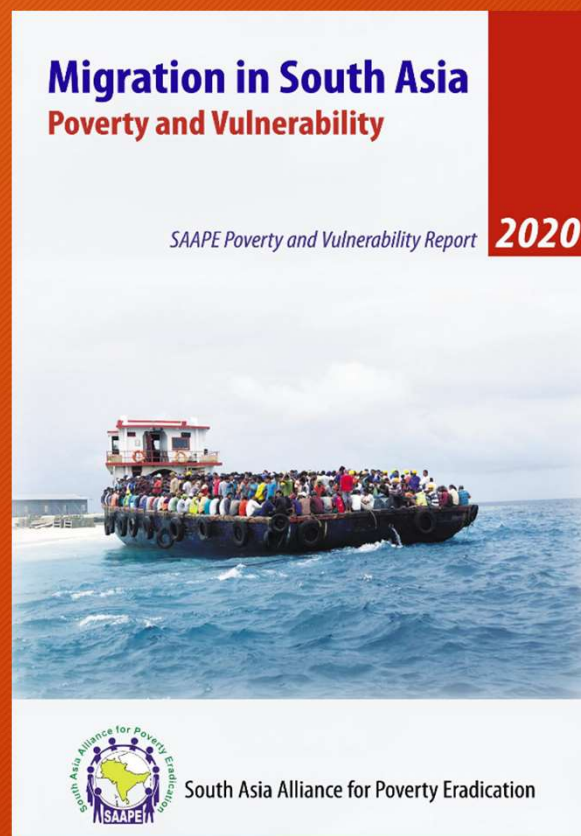
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