SOCIAL POLICIES CARRIED OUT IN TURKEY

Workshop on Innovative Social Assistance Strategies in Poverty Alleviation
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OUTLINE

- Macroeconomic Policies
  - Inflation, Growth Rate, Interest Rate

- Sectoral Policies
  - Social Expenditures
  - Education
  - Health
  - Employment
  - Social Services and Assistance
  - SODES (Regional Social Development Programme)
National Development Plan (2007-2013)

Poverty and inequality in income distribution will be reduced permanently through sustainable growth and policies regarding employment, education, health and working life.
Macroeconomic Developments

Inflation

Source: TCMB

Interest Rate

Source: Treasury

Per Capita Income (US $)

Source: SPO
## SOCIAL EXPENDITURES (% GDP)

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<th>2000</th>
<th>2005</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>EDUCATION</strong></td>
<td>3.01%</td>
<td>3.21%</td>
<td>3.36%</td>
<td>3.92%</td>
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<td><strong>HEALTH</strong></td>
<td>2.62%</td>
<td>3.98%</td>
<td>4.32%</td>
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<td><strong>SOCIAL PROTECTION</strong></td>
<td>4.99%</td>
<td>7.29%</td>
<td>7.22%</td>
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<td>Social Assistance</td>
<td>0.48%</td>
<td>0.67%</td>
<td>1.03%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>10.61%</td>
<td>14.48%</td>
<td>14.90%</td>
<td>17.24%</td>
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Poverty

![Graph showing poverty and food poverty over years]

Poverty

Food Poverty

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## Income Distribution

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<th>% 20 Quantiles</th>
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<td>First %20</td>
<td>5,3</td>
<td>6,2</td>
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<td>Second %20</td>
<td>9,8</td>
<td>10,7</td>
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<td>Third %20</td>
<td>14,0</td>
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<td>Fourth %20</td>
<td>20,8</td>
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<td>Fifth %20</td>
<td>50,1</td>
<td>46,0</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>100,0</td>
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<td>Gini Coefficient</td>
<td>0,44</td>
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### Education – Indicators

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<td>Schooling / Pre- Primary</td>
<td>10,1</td>
<td>45,3</td>
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<td>Schooling / Primary</td>
<td>100,7</td>
<td>107,6</td>
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<td>Schooling / Secondary</td>
<td>64,0</td>
<td>93,3</td>
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<td>Literacy rate</td>
<td>87,3</td>
<td>97,3</td>
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<td>Literacy rate for women</td>
<td>78,4</td>
<td>88,1</td>
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**Education – Challenges**

- Quality of education
  - Curriculum
  - Qualification of teachers
  - Use of ICT
  - Ratio of student per classroom
- Access to education
  - Enrollment Ratios
  - Educational Infrastructure
  - Regional Disparities
  - Gender Equality
**Education – Policies**

- Schooling rates in all levels of education will be raised, equipment and physical infrastructure and skills of teachers will be improved, **regional and gender disparities** in access to education will be reduced.

- **Inequality of opportunity** will be decreased in all levels of education and activities aiming the personal development of students will be increased
  - Transporting students (In rural areas)+ free meal
  - Free text books
  - Conditional cash transfers
Health - Indicators

- Significant improvements have been observed in fertility and mortality related indicators in recent years.

- Life expectancy has increased from 66.0 years in 1990 to 71.5 years in 2006 and 74.3 in 2010.

- Infant mortality rate has decreased from 55.4 per thousand in 1990 to 22.6 in 2006 and 10.1 in 2010.

- Population per in-patient beds has decreased from 374 in 2006 to 333 in 2010.
Health - Policies

- Improving the infrastructure and health personnel regarding health and balancing their distribution around the country
- Restructuring of Ministry of Health including family medicine
- Implementing Universal Health Insurance System effectively
- Increasing the resources for Preventive Healthcare Services and raising public awareness
- In the last eight years, a total of 1.893 new health facilities including 509 independent hospitals and new hospital buildings were put into service.
- The number of personnel working in the public health institutions has increased by 191 thousand people and reached 447 thousand people with service procurements.
### Employment - Indicators

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<td>Labour Force Participation Rate (%)</td>
<td>48,1</td>
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<td>Women (%)</td>
<td>27,1</td>
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<td>Men (%)</td>
<td>69,9</td>
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<td>Employment Rate (%)</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate (%)</td>
<td>11,9</td>
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<td>Young Unemployment Rate (%)</td>
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- rapid increase in the working-age population,
- high level of informal employment, and
- inadequate employment growth in spite of high real GDP growth rates due to dissolution in agricultural economy.
Employment - Policies

- improving labour market by flexcurity and social dialogue
- increasing the sensitivity of education to labour demand
- improving active labour market policies

Employment Package
Employment - Policies

“The Employment Package” covers priorities of:

- reducing the labour market costs,
- increasing the employment of women, youth and disables,
- improving active labour market policies,
- reducing informality,
- facilitating the foundation of private employment agencies,
- reducing the bureaucracy for establishment of new enterprises
Social Services and Assistance

- Strengthening the institutional capacity of related institutions
  - Number of the workers
  - IT infrastructure
- Improving the living conditions of disadvantaged people such as disabled, elderly and children
  - Pensions
  - Non-premium payments
  - New care services
SODES

is a regional social development programme
SODES- Background

- Poverty
- High unemployment rate
- Migration
- Changing social structure
- Disadvantaged groups to reach public social supports programmes

Rationale

- Site visits
- Reports
- Best practices
- Real solutions
- Local coordination

Planning
**SODES- Goals**

- Raise the socio-economic development level
- Enhance the human capital of the region
- Offer opportunities to the disadvantaged groups of the society
- Encourage the children, youth and women to be involved in cultural, artistic and sports activities
**SODES – Components**

**Social Inclusion**
- Alleviation of poverty
- Increasing the employability
- Raising the living standards of the disadvantaged groups
- Supporting those who are in a position to start their own businesses

**Employment**
- Fostering cultural, artistic and sportive activities needed by the society
- Helping the children and youth to discover their talents and to acquire good habits

**Culture, Art and Sports Activities**
SODES - Target Groups

- Children
- Youth
- Women
- People who live in the slum areas of cities
- Unemployed
- Poor
- Migrants
- Only local actors
- NGO’s
- Local governmental organisations
- Municipalities
- Universities
## SODES – Project Number And Budgets (Million TL)

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<td>Employment</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>157</td>
<td>17.3</td>
<td>195</td>
<td>22.6</td>
<td>211</td>
<td>20.3</td>
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<td>Social Inclusion</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>17.4</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>46.2</td>
<td>491</td>
<td>57.2</td>
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<td>Culture- Art - Sports</td>
<td>196</td>
<td>17.7</td>
<td>321</td>
<td>28.2</td>
<td>501</td>
<td>70.0</td>
<td>711</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>398</strong></td>
<td><strong>42.0</strong></td>
<td><strong>778</strong></td>
<td><strong>91.8</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.187</strong></td>
<td><strong>150.0</strong></td>
<td><strong>1620</strong></td>
<td><strong>179.7</strong></td>
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SODES 2008-2010 Fulfillments 1

- 293.543 persons attended to 1.938 conferences,
- 20.983 persons attended to 739 vocational training courses,
- 513.750 TL micro credit is given to 1.060 persons,
- 60.577 children attended to 967 site visits,
- 1.183 sports activities organized.
SODES 2008-2010 Fulfillments 2

- 128 training centers established,
- 336,226 books distributed,
- 632 cultural centers / football fields / children's playgrounds etc established,
- 27,293 persons attended to 312 arts courses,
- 32,500 students attended to education support programmes,
- 28,065 persons attended to 328 sports courses.
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