SICAP Target Groups (2018-2022)
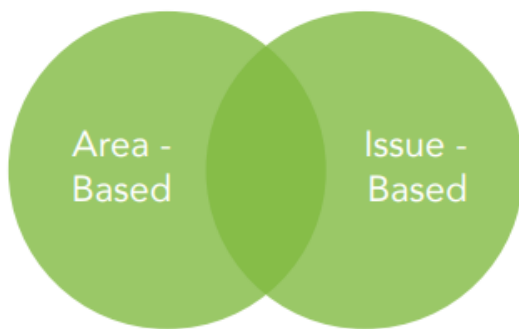
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SECTION 3:
Target Groups

A Dual Approach

Disadvantage is experienced more strongly by particular groups of people in society and in particular geographic communities. SICAP takes a dual approach to targeting disadvantage and social exclusion by allowing PIs the flexibility to target communities in need by taking an area-based approach, and individuals in need by taking an issue-based approach.

Figure 3.1: A Dual Approach

Target Groups

SICAP supports a range of groups in society which are disadvantaged and marginalised and unable or unlikely to access mainstream supports. Pre-defined target groups have been set for SICAP and these have been selected based on the current socio-economic context, the level of need in society and government priorities. See the forthcoming "SICAP Training Guide: Completing the Individual Beneficiary Registration Form" for more detailed criteria and registration information for each target group.

All beneficiaries of programme supports must belong to one of the 13 SICAP target groups which are:

Disadvantaged Children and Families	People living in Disadvantaged Communities
Disadvantaged Young People (aged 15 – 24)	People with Disabilities
Disadvantaged Women	Roma
Emerging Needs Group	Travellers
Lone Parents	The Disengaged from the Labour Market (Economically Inactive)
Low Income Workers/ Households	The Unemployed
New Communities	

SICAP is aimed at those who need more help in society and who are on the margins of daily life. For SICAP to be an effective social inclusion and community development programme it is critical that resources, supports and interventions are targeted and do not become universal supports for the general population. This dilutes the effectiveness of interventions and increases duplication of supports and services.

PIs are not required to provide services to all target groups; however, if there is a well-evidenced need from a SICAP target group in the locality this should be reflected in the annual plan. Each of the SICAP target groups is explained separately below.

Read more: https://www.pobal.ie/app/uploads/2018/05/SICAP-Programme-Requirements-2018-2022-V1-1.pdf