

## Exercise 1: Maps (the 'who')

### Task: Visually represent the poverty landscape in your community

Step 1: Consider these two established definitions of poverty: *absolute poverty* as defined by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), and *hardship poverty* as defined by the New Zealand Treasury.

- '*Absolute poverty*' is when an individual does not have access to the amount of money necessary for meeting basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter.
- '*Hardship*' poverty is when an individual is constrained by their material circumstances from achieving a minimum 'decent' level of wellbeing.

For the purposes of this exercise, imagine these types of poverty as one end of a continuum of wellbeing – at the other end of the continuum is a high level of individual and communal wellbeing that is sustainable over the long term.

Step 2: Discuss with your group the different demographic groups that are affected by poverty in your area.

Step 3: Fill in the map below by positioning the 'affected groups' you have identified according to their age range and the extremity of their situation.

Please use this space to jot notes down during the panel discussion. This worksheet will then provide a useful resource in the group work that follows.

