

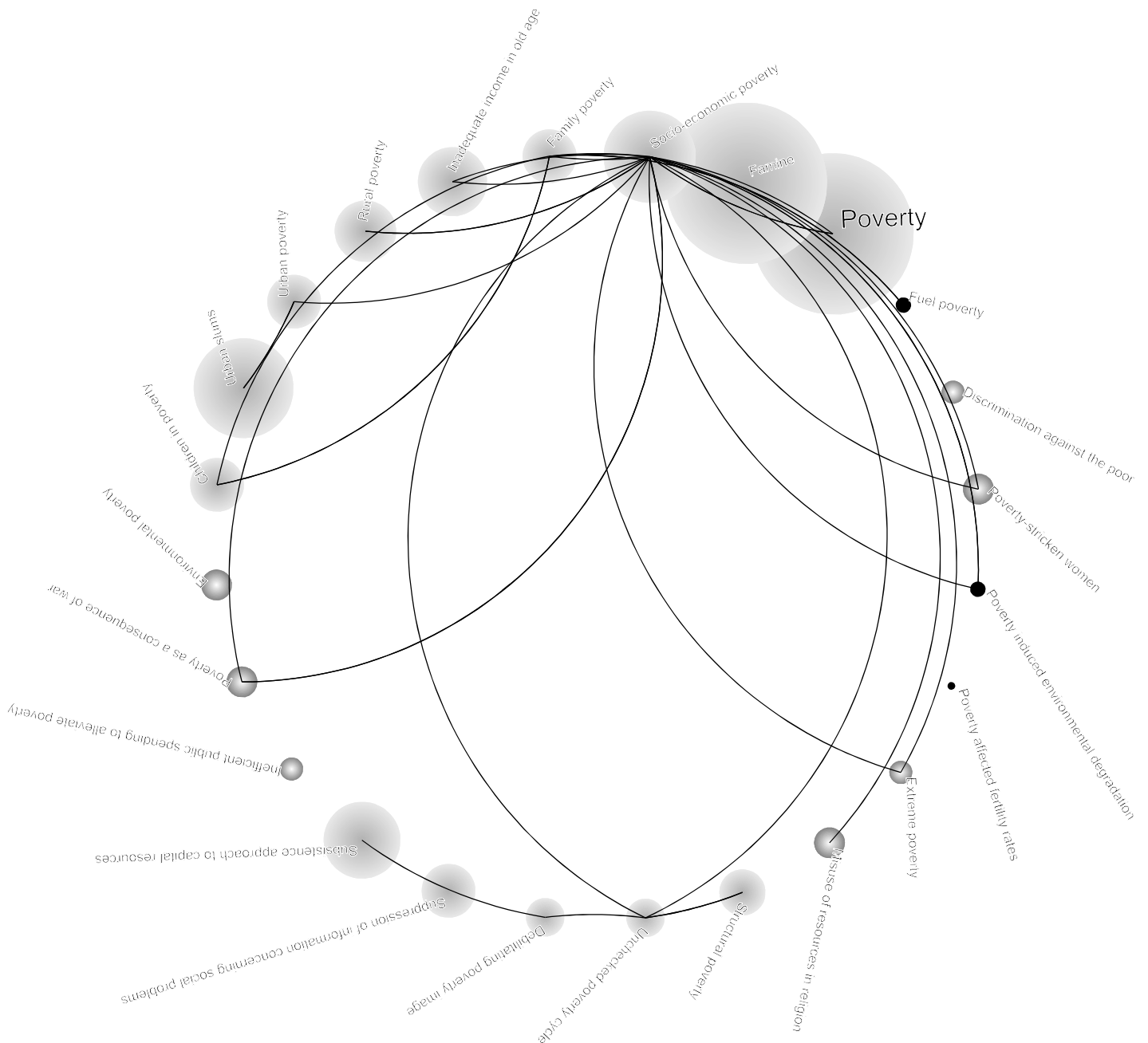
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Poverty

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Poverty is a violation of human rights. With some 1.3 billion people living in extreme poverty, it is the most widespread violation of human rights in the world. Poverty exists not only in the developing countries, but is also a dramatic and hidden reality in the industrialized countries. Particularly affected are disadvantaged and underrepresented groups - indigenous people, people with disabilities, women, children, youth, and the elderly. Hunger and the HIV/AIDS pandemic are also highly related to poverty. Processes of impoverishment inherent in the global economic system are resulting in increasing inequity, social injustice and violence worldwide. The modern concept of poverty goes beyond the old "absolute" notion of an income below that sufficient to keep workers physically efficient and includes factors which determine quality of life. Relative poverty recognizes that poverty varies from age to age because it depends on what people consider as acceptable ways of living at that time. People can be said to be in poverty when they lack the resources to obtain the types of diet, participate in the activities and have the living conditions and amenities which are customary, or at least widely approved, in the societies to which they belong.