An Evaluation of Social Security Provisions in South Africa

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The constitution of South Africa provides for Social Security. This provision seeks to consolidate the “Universal Bill of Rights” which is enshrined in he constitution. This consolidation has been concretised in several legislations and programmes of government which relate to social assistance for poverty relief. Against this backdrop, however, poverty still creeps and reigns in the circles of the same designated groups of the population the social security provision seeks to assist.

The vexed questions then are, is legislation weak? is implementation weak? is the designated group unaware of this assistance? This paper highlights some of the inherent problems and also suggests tentative interventions to improve the provision and efficacy of Social Security in the country.