

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
SOUTHWEST LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

PUBLIC POLICY
HIGH POVERTY LEVEL ZONE

Section 1. The Southwest Local Workforce Development Board, Inc. establishes as Public Policy to define the concept of a youth living in a High Poverty Level Area, as outlined in Act 1-2001 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the eligibility criteria.

Section 2. Under Act 1-2001 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico's high-poverty areas are defined as special communities. These are geographically delimited sectors of scarce economic resources, characterized by unequal access and integration to the benefits and advances of the economic development process enjoyed by other population groups in the country, and by a low level of participation in social institutions and in the collective decision-making process.

Section 3. The following characteristics are present in these communities:

1. High school dropout rate.
2. High illiteracy rate.
3. High proportion of people living below the poverty level as established by the Federal Government.
4. Family group dominated by a single head of household as the only breadwinner.
5. High unemployment rate.
6. Absence or deficiency in the provision of basic public services: schools, post office, transportation, garbage collection.
7. Poor job skills of residents.
8. Total, or partial absence of infrastructure and basic services, such as electric power, water and sewage systems: paved streets and sidewalks, and existence of recreational areas.
9. High proportion of housing in inadequate conditions.
10. Absence of land titles.
11. High concentration of psychosocial problems such as: addictions, security problems and domestic violence.

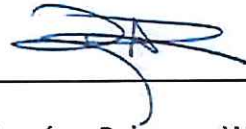
Section 4. For the purpose of defining the concept of a youth living in a high-poverty area, the ALDLS Local Board will use the following criteria to determine the youth's assessment and eligibility under this criterion:

1. Youth living in an area of high poverty is considered to be economically disadvantaged.
2. Youth living in a special community, isolated community, extreme poverty sector, and public residential.
3. The Federal Government's table located in the Federal Register called "The LLSIL Guidelines" will be used to determine low-income youth.

Section 5. This Public Policy shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Local Board.

Annex: Table: List of Special Communities, Isolated Communities, Extreme Poverty Sector and Public Residential.

In San Germán, Puerto Rico, today, April 10, 2017.

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Roque Abad Ramírez Palermo, WDB Local Board Chairman



Southwest Local Workforce Development Board, Inc.

List of Isolated Communities, Sectors of Extreme Poverty of Extreme Poverty and Public Housing Areas

Municipalities	Special Communities	Isolated Communities	Extreme Poverty Sectors	Public Housing
1. Cabo Rojo	Ballajá, Colacho, El Fuego and Las Piedras (Guaniquilla), Hoyo Bravo, Las Quebradas in Monte Grande, Pedernales, Puerto Real and Corozo Sector	Las Palmas, Corozo and Cerrillos	Elizabeth Neighborhood and Puerto Real	Santa Rita de Acacia Public Housing
2. Guánica	Bda. Esperanza, Callejón Magüeyes, El Batey, El Tumbao, Ensenada, Fuig, La Luna and Playa Santa	San Jacinto, Sierra, Limón, Salinas y Siberia, Providencia, Siberia, Alturas de Bélgica, Parcelas Nuevas de la Luna	Esperanza, Pista I y II Sectors and El Batey Sector, Cuartelillos and Ensenada	Luis Muñoz Rivera and Jardines Public Housing in Guánica

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3. Guayanilla	Magas Abajo, Playa Villa del Carmen Neighborhood, Piedras Blancas, Playita and San Pedro	Consejo, Sierra Baja, Playa Villa del Carmen Neighborhood, Shangai Sector, San Pedro de Macorí, Macaná del Río, Sierra Baja, Llanos Neighborhood, Las Siete Casas Sector, Piedras Blancas, Barreiro Neighborhood, La Cruz Sector, Pasto Sector, Jagua Pasto and Quebrada Neighborhood	Playa, Macorí, Indios, Faro, Magas Arriba Neighborhood, Playita, La Cotorra and Sitios Sectors	Padre Nazario and Bahía I and Bahía II Public Housing
4. Hormigueros	Jaguitas Sector, El Hoyo, Lavadero, Salsipuedes and San Romualdo	There are no isolated communities	Sectors: El Polvorín, Barros a Don Santiago, El Hoyo, Jaguitas and Lavadero	Gabriel Soler Public Housing
5. Lajas	Calle Abajo, El Papayo, El Tendal Sector Sabana Yeguas, La Haya, Las Cuevas, Los Jovillos, Maguayo, Piñalejos y Tokio	There are no isolated communities	Sectors: El Tendal, El Papayo, Fajardo, Cerrete, La Haya, Los Jovillos, El Salao, Palo Seco, Tokio and Cerro Maravilla	Las Américas Public Housing
6. Maricao	Llanadas Neighborhood, El 30 (Los Mercados Sector) in Indiera Alta Neighborhood, La Cuchilla, Los Cuadros-Montoso and Villa Esperanza	El 30, Los Sapos, Indiera Baja Sectors	Indiera Fría, Indiera Baja, Indiera Alta, Bucarabones, Montoso and Maricao Afuera, Sur Neighborhood	Juan Ferrer Public Housing

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7. Peñuelas	Maldonado, Los Chinos, Santo Domingo, Comunidad Caracoles and La Moca in Tallaboa Alta Neighborhood	Sectors: El Martillo, Jaguas, Macána and Calillosa	Rucío, Sector Belleza Neighborhood	Flamboyanes Public Housing
8. Sabana Grande	Bo. Santana, Cerro Gordo, El Burén, Molinas and Susúa	There are no isolated communities	Bo. Torres, Bo. Tabonuco Norte y Bo. Santa Ana	José A. Castillo Public Housing
9. San Germán	Ancones, El Retiro, Las Quebradas, La Tea, Las Carolinas, Parcelas Minillas in Barrio Minillas, Sabana Eneas and Rosario Peñón Neighborhood	Parc. Carries, Sectors: Caín Bajo, Caín Alto, El Hoyo, La Sierra, Rosario Alto, Plan Bonito, Guaná, Los Méndez, El Tiburón, La Tuna, Las Quebradas, Los Divorciados, Piñalejos, Los Christian	Duey Alto, Duey Bajo. Hoconuco Bajo, Cain Bajo, Sabana Grande Abajo Neighborhood	El Recreo and El Rossy Public Housing
10. Yauco	Diego Hernandez, Frailes, Rancheras, Quebrada, Primitivo Irizarry Sector, El Pozo Cantera Sector, Pueblo Norte (El Cerro) and Rio Prieto Sectors	Mogoles, Aguas Blancas, Rubias, Rancheras, Media Quija and Barinas Neighborhood	Frailes, Rancheras, Rubias, Vegas, Naranjo, Rio Pietro, Aguas Blancas, Algarrobo, Bo. Caimito, Quebrada, Sierra Alta Sector, Susúa Baja and Barinas Neighborhood	Santa Catalina and Mont Blanc Public Housing

Source of Information: Public Housing (<http://www.avp.gobierno.pr/presidenciales-directorio.aspx>), Special Communities (<https://cpptibb.wordpress.com/biblioteca-virtual/guias-tematicas/comunidades-especiales/comunidades-especiales-de-puerto-rico/>)

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