



Towards the SDGs: Poverty Reduction in Malaysia

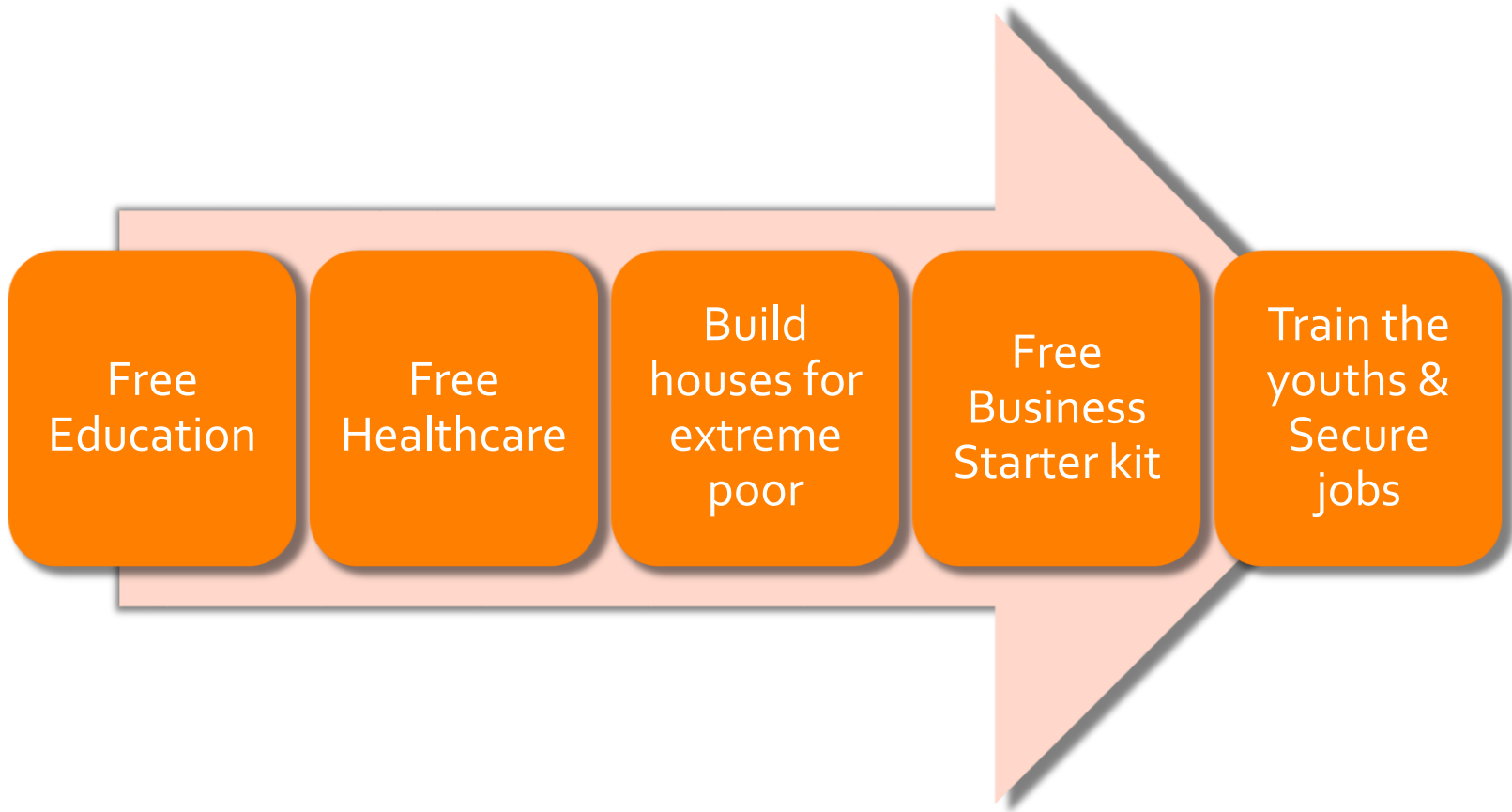
Malaysia – Brief Introduction

- + Relatively small country with 30 millions population – mixed races;
- + Colonialized for 500 years by Portuguese, Dutch, British and Japanese;
- + Got independence in 1957 – Left with nothing but high poverty rate (50%) and illiteracy rate (more than 80%);
- + Due to British “Divide and Rule Policy” - Racial riot in 1969;
- + 1970 – New Economic Policy (NEP) to eradicate poverty and restructure the society;

Our Journey

- + 1970 NEP was the turning point – to Eradicate poverty and Restructure the societal imbalance;
- + We have Malaysia Plan (MP) every subsequent 5 years – until now;
- + Education is the Key – 25% of national budget goes to education- building schools, universities, scholarship etc;
- + Diversify the economy from agrarian to manufacturing and services;

How we help the poor



Our Success in SDG

Poverty reduced
to 0.4%

Best Healthcare
in the World

More than 90%
school enrolment

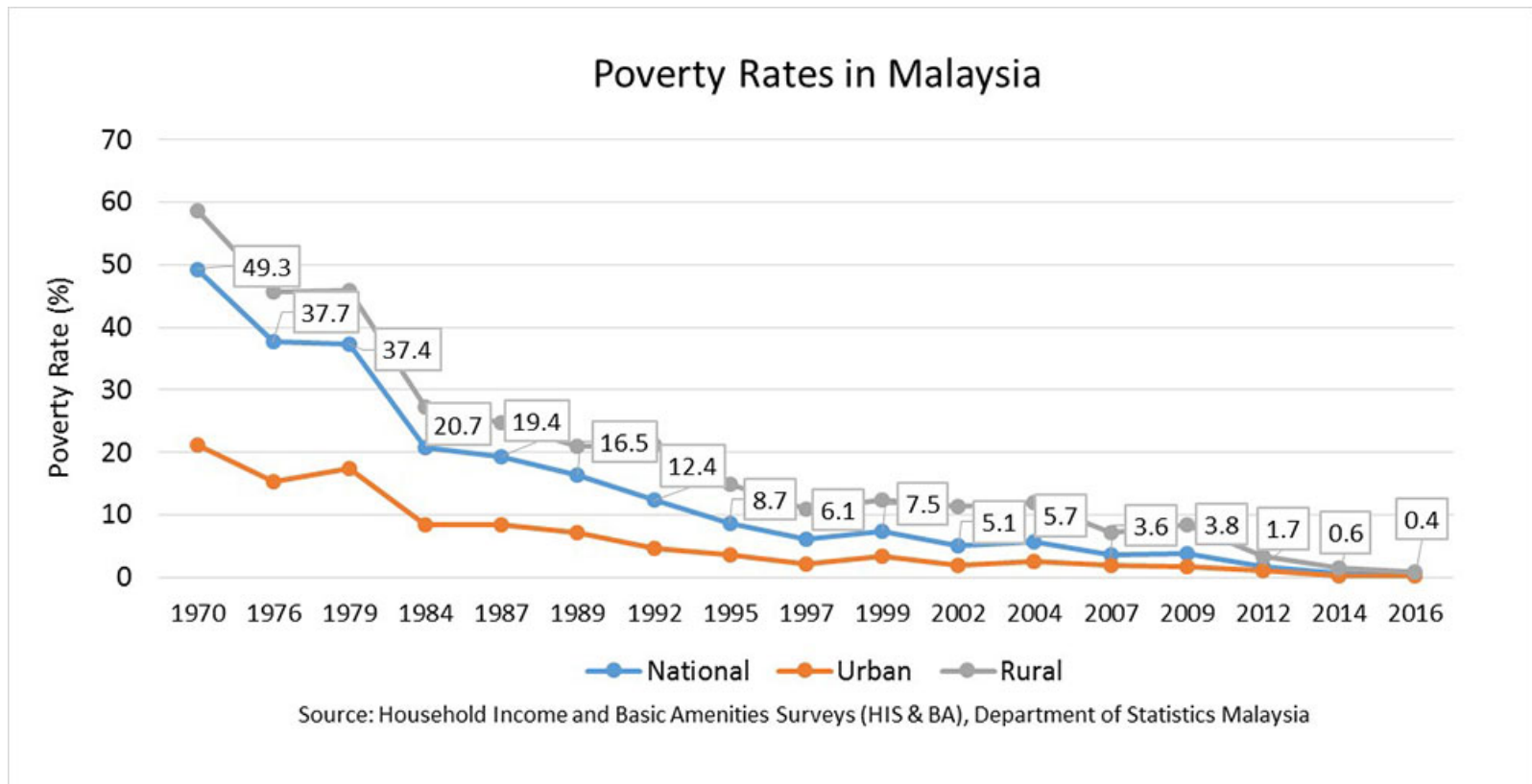
95% coverage for
water, sanitation
and electricity

Full Employment

Income
inequality
reduced

Maintained 50%
forest

Poverty Rates Reduced



Thank you

Terima Kasih.