

# Families and Housing Instability

Within the Framework of the  
Sustainable Development  
Goals

# SDG 11

11.1 By 2030, ensure **access** for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services

# Family housing needs

## Adequate

**Structure** (protection from the elements (heat, cold, rain)SDG11

**Water** (clean, pure water) (SDG6)

**Sanitation** (garbage, sewer) (SDG6)

**Infrastructure** (transportation, clinics, schools) SDG7, SDG9

**SAFE** (protection from war, terrorists, crime) SDG11

**Affordable:** Structure and basic needs (food, health,

# Inadequate housing leads to family instability

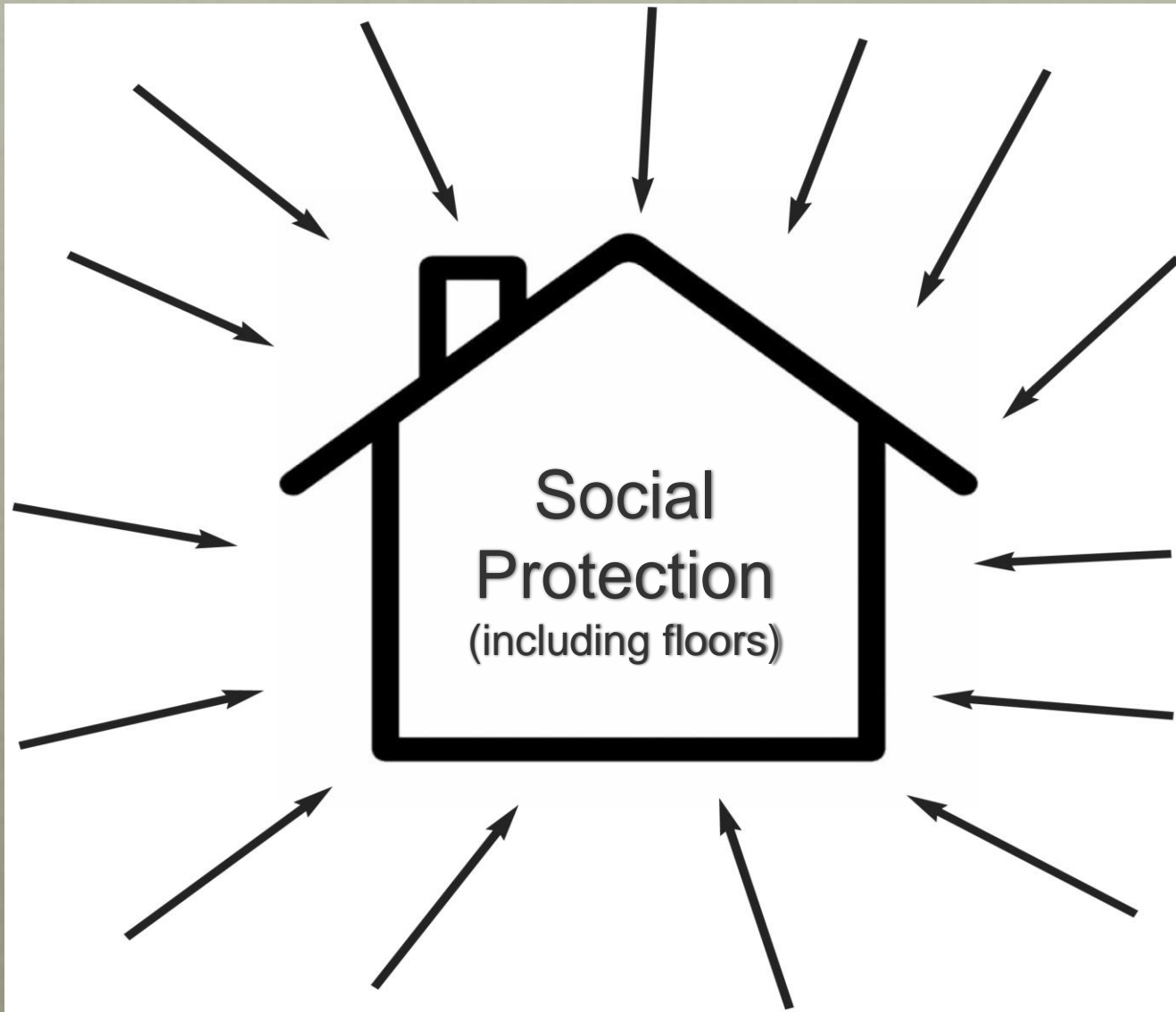
**Inadequate house structure**, which does not protect the family, often includes ▼

**Unclean water and unsanitary conditions**, which often leads to ▼

**Health problems**, particularly with children, which often leads to ▼

**Poor school attendance**, which often leads to ▼

# Government Support



# Family Capital





# “Affordable”

- Target 1.1 – Eradicate extreme poverty
- Target 1.2 – Reduce by half men, women and children living in poverty
- Target 1.3 – Social protection systems, including floors

## Conditions which improve financial capability:

- Marriage (see SDG1 in **Family Capital and the SDGs**)
- Economic welfare of “married-parent families” (see SDG8 in **Family Capital and the SDGs**)

# SDG1: Fathers and Poverty

## Vicious Cycle



(Repeat Pattern)

Involved Father

Baby

Marriage

Love

Healthy Sexual Behavior

Competent & Skillful

College Graduate

Financially Stable Home

Involved Father

## Auspicious Cycle



# SDG8: Economic welfare of families

- Higher levels of marriage, and especially higher levels of married-parent families, are strongly associated with **more economic growth**, more economic mobility, less child poverty and higher median-family income . . .
- The share of parents in a state who are married is one of the top predictors of the economic outcomes . . .
- The state-level link between marriage and economic growth is stronger for younger adults (ages 25-35) . . .
- Violent crimes is much less common in states with

# The family working together



David Imig of Michigan State said **family capital** is a “family-unit level attribute that emerges as a function of collective activity around household production.”



# Many families working together





# SDG 1.a – Development cooperation



Planning  
Planting  
Harvesting  
Preparing for Market

Family  
working  
together  
to  
harvest  
and pack  
for  
market



# SDG6: Clean water – Rope pump

FLOM (Family-level operation and maintenance)





# SDG6: Clean water

## Water filtration systems





# Family Preservation Program

Care for Life – Mozambique



# SDG11: Building a new home

Families building their own homes (and latrine) following projects which helped them earn money for building materials





# Overcoming family instability

**Empowering the family  
and enhancing family stability**  
are crucial inputs in the  
sustainable development process.

Family capital is the fuel that drives development  
– the very key for achieving all 17 SDGs –