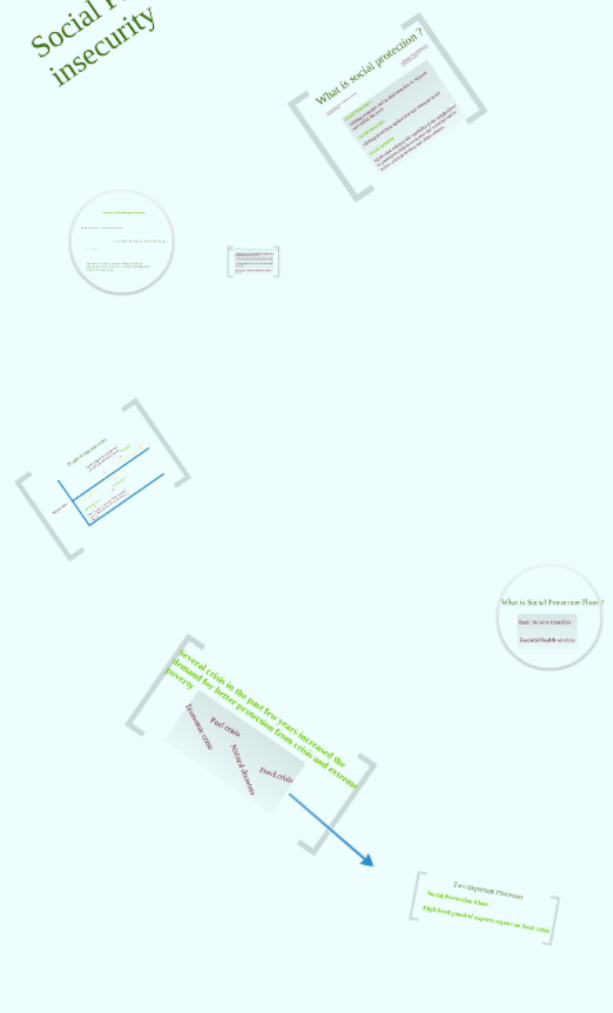


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Protects the poor and vulnerable from destitution as a result of crisis or extreme poverty

Prevents the depletion/loss of assets in times of crisis

Promotes livelihoods and income earning potential of poor people

Transforms power relations that keep poor trapped in poverty

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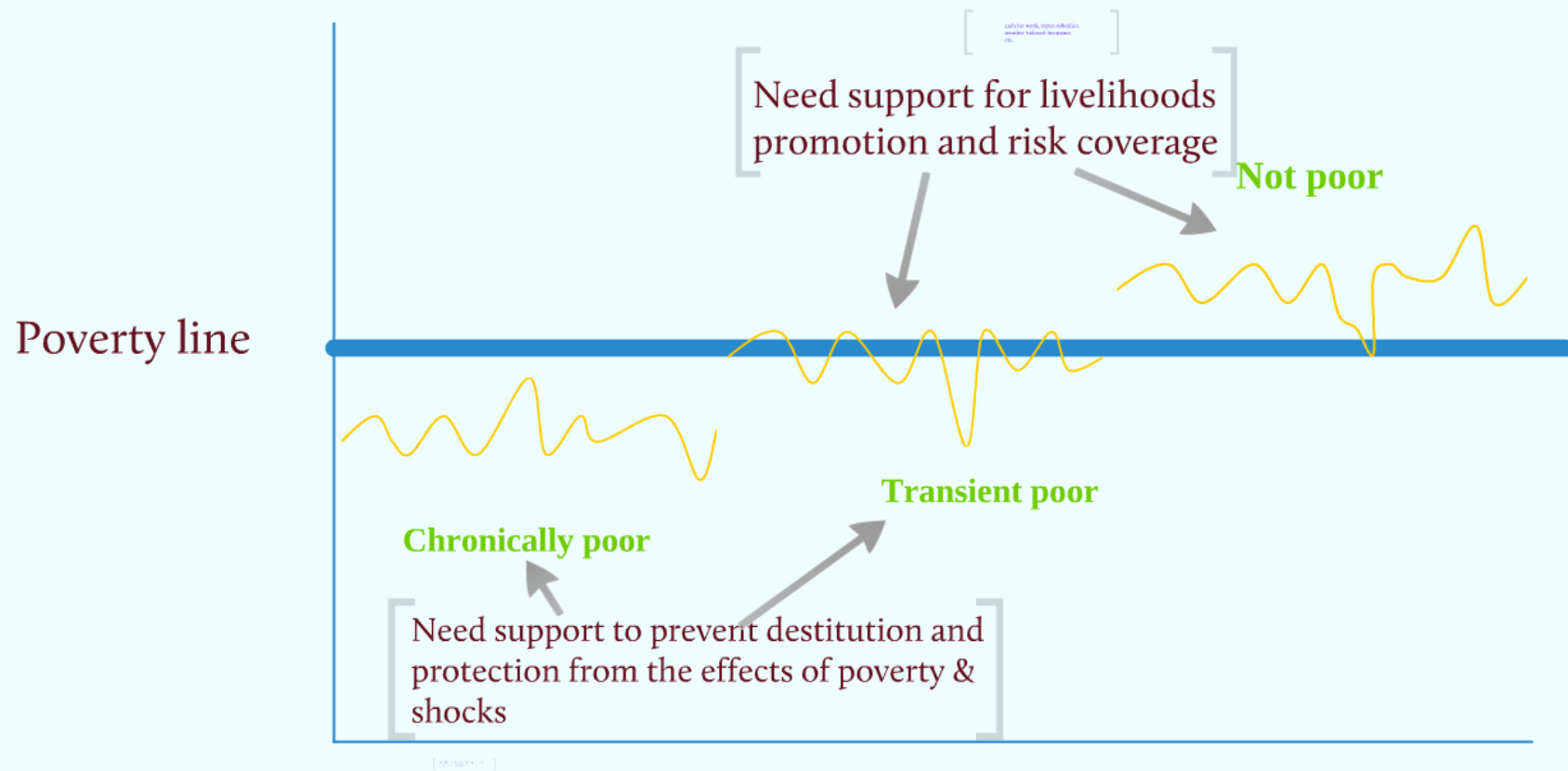
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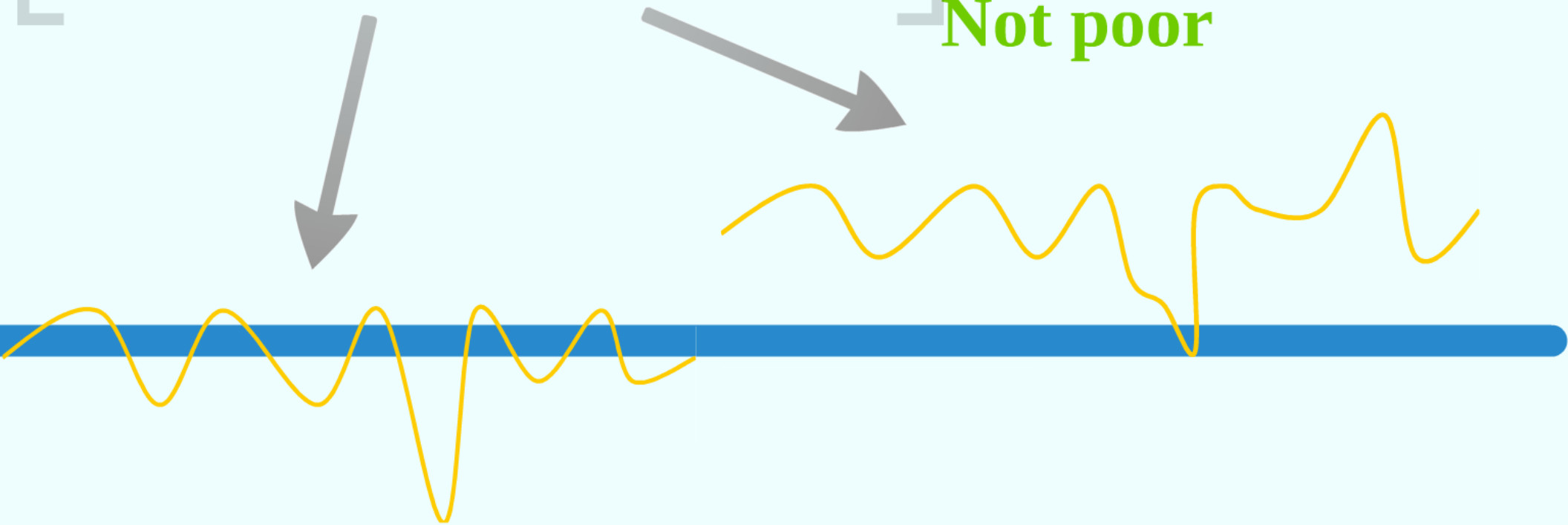
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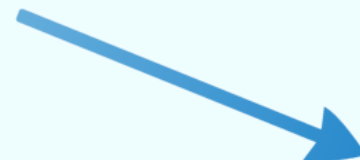
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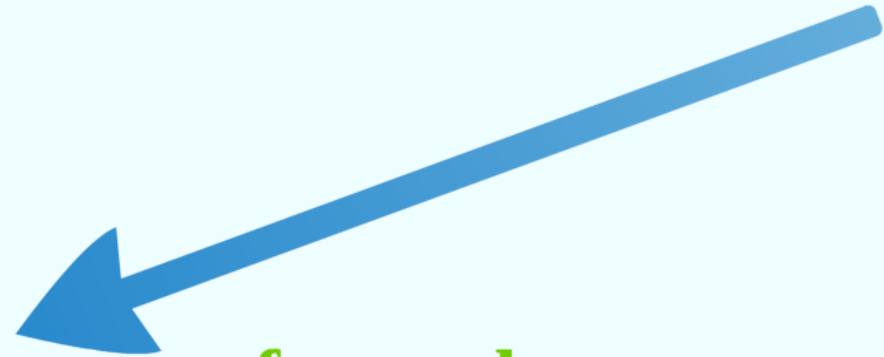
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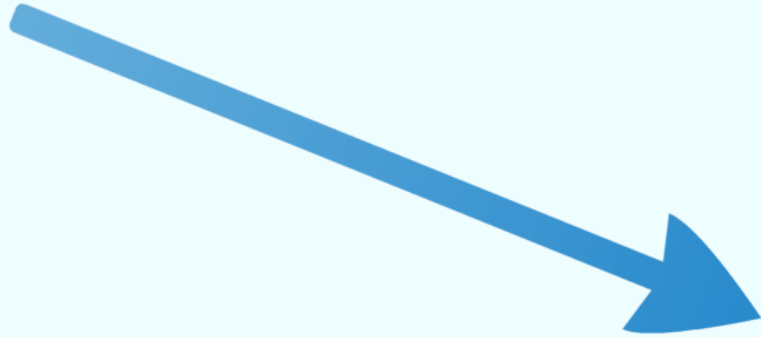


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Global Fund for Social Protection

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