

Youth, poverty and inequality in South Africa

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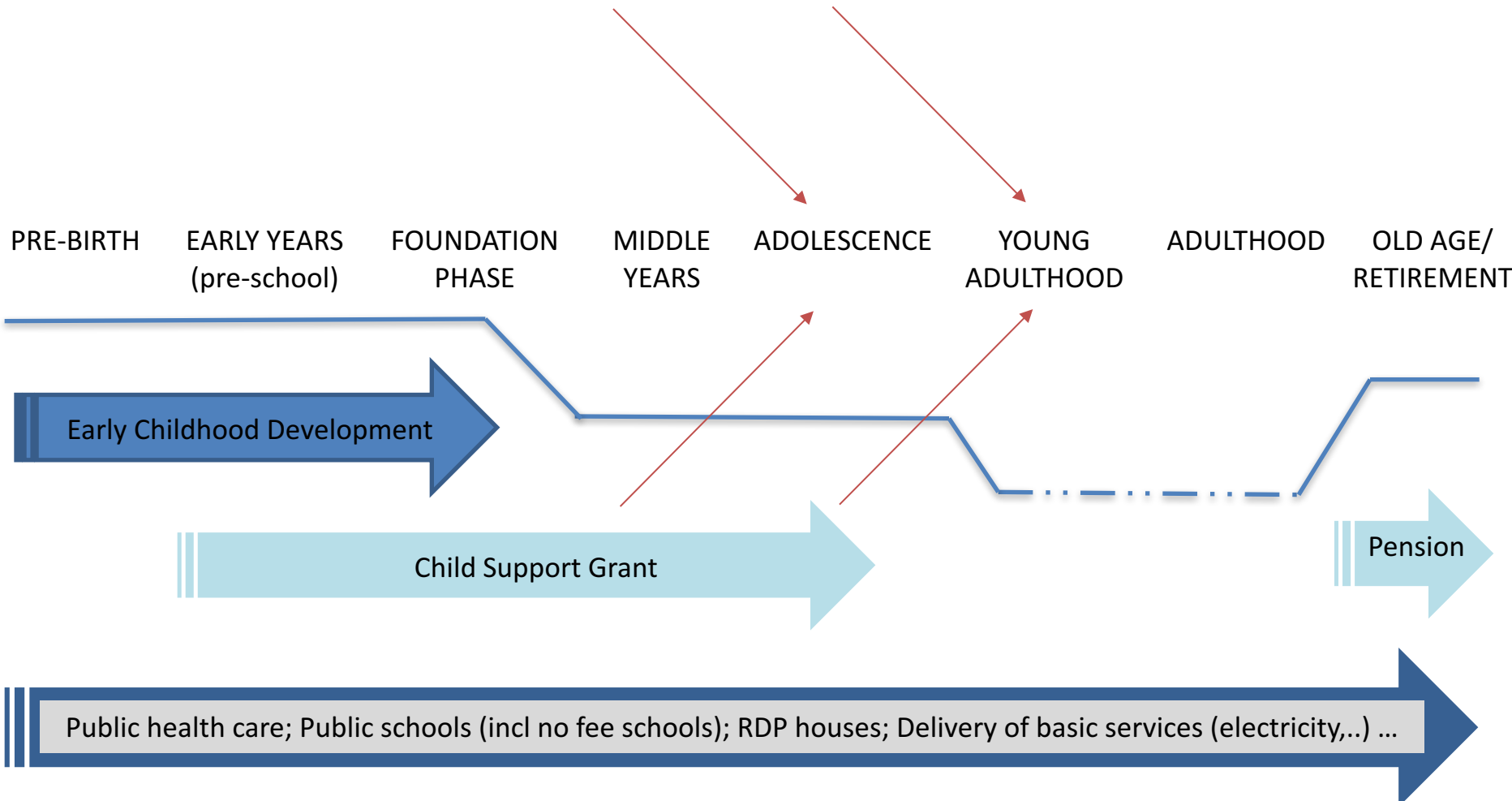


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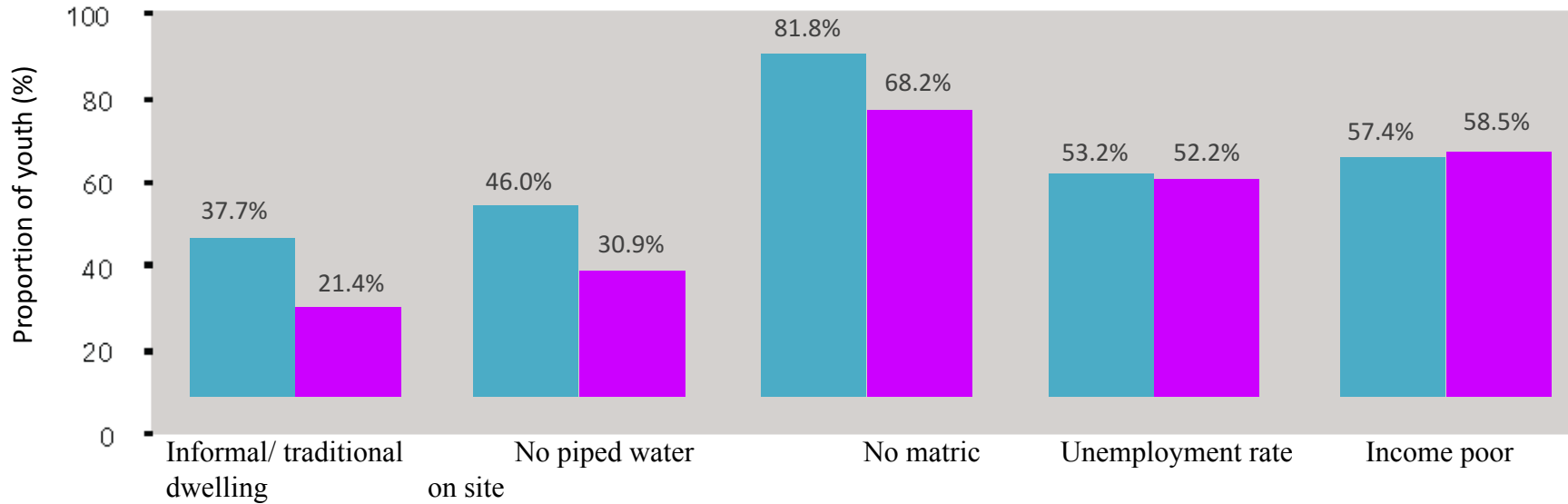
**CHALLENGING INEQUALITIES THROUGH POLICY
RELEVANT ACADEMIC RESEARCH.**

Alleviating poverty across the life course: the social wage package



Why focus on youth and poverty?

Patterns of deprivation in the youth population, 1996 and 2011



Source: Statistics South Africa (2011) *Census*. Pretoria: Stats SA. Analysis by Emily Frame, Poverty and Inequality Initiative, UCT.

Notes: Youth are defined as persons aged 15 – 24 years. The unemployment rate for the youth population is based on the narrow definition. Income-poor youth are defined as youth living in households with per capita monthly incomes below the Stats SA upper-bound poverty line of R620 for 2011. For comparability, this figure was deflated, using a CPI deflator, to R258 for 1996. Individuals in households captured as having zero incomes or missing incomes were excluded from the analysis in both years. Calculations based on weighted data from the Census 1996 and 2011 10% samples.

Youth and deprivation: multiple dimensions



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Can we think of a more effective, comprehensive way to support adolescents and young people?

How do we determine how best to do that? Solid evidence base – Quali and Quanti.

What do we know about multiple dimensions of poverty among youth population? Indicators; MPI.

Coherent, youth specific poverty analyses in SA - at sub-national and sub-provincial level?

Policy context?

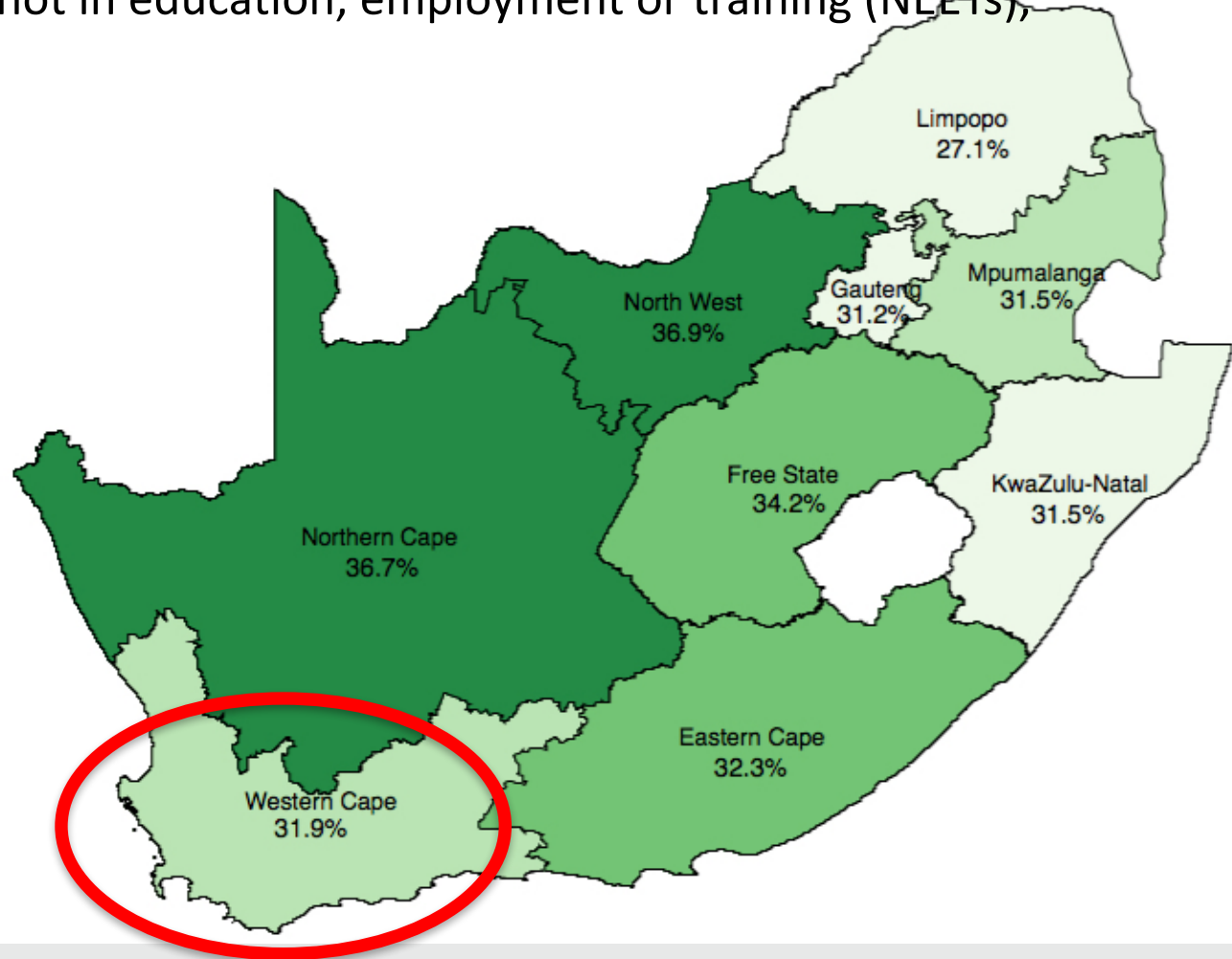
Research contribution?

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- Collaboration: pilot with WC Gov, City of Cape Town; Since grown broader: national level, and partnership with StatsSA;
- Need to understand, measure and track youth well-being, particularly at the small area level;
- Inform policy and implementation:
 - Analytical framework relates to Provincial Youth Development Plan; National Development Plan; National Youth Policy (2015-2020);
 - Consultation with academia, policy-makers, various departments, civil society;
- Youth specific poverty-analyses of publically available data + administrative data (NB!)

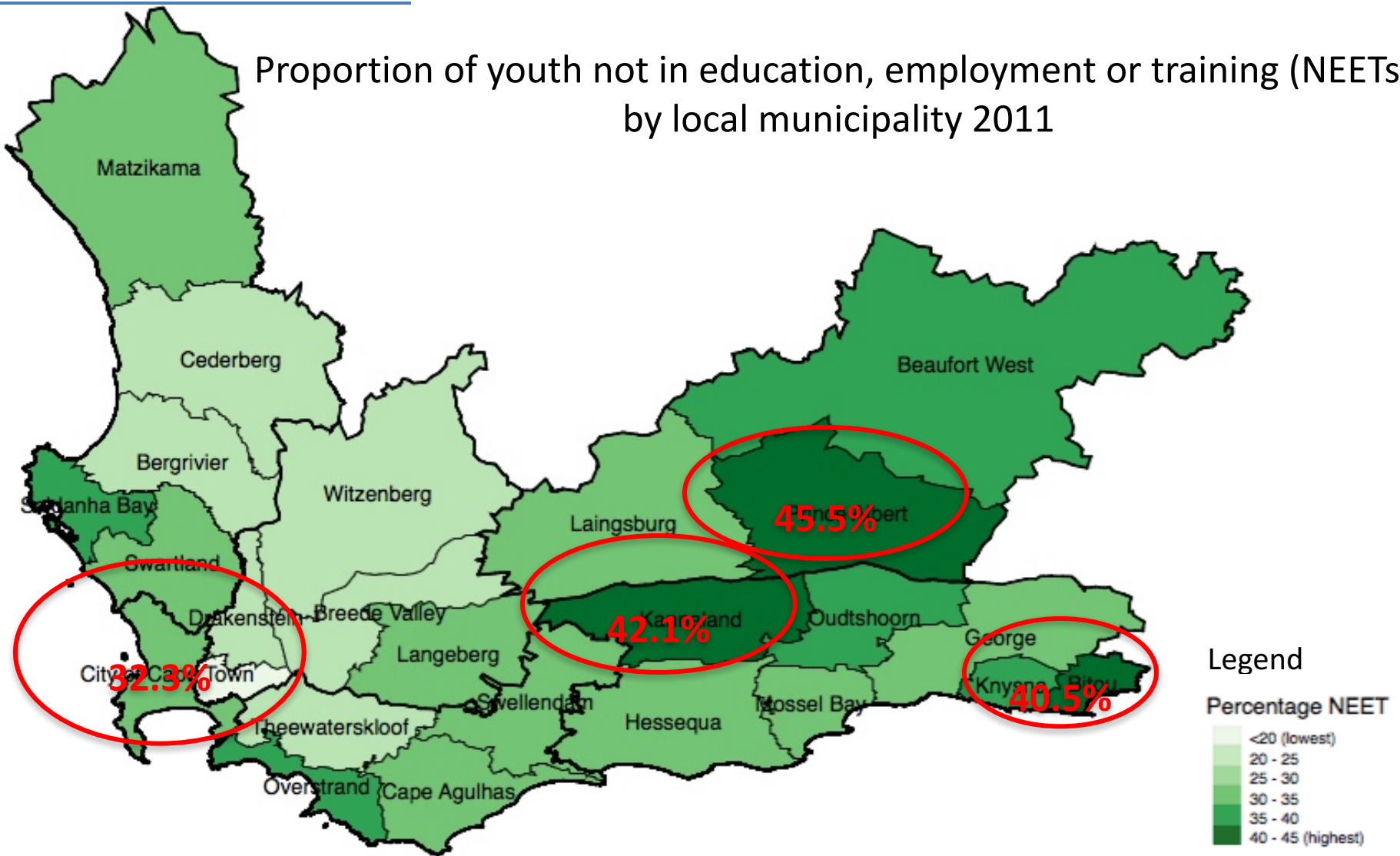
Indicators for Youth Well-being: sub-national analysis

Proportion of youth not in education, employment or training (NEETs), by province 2011



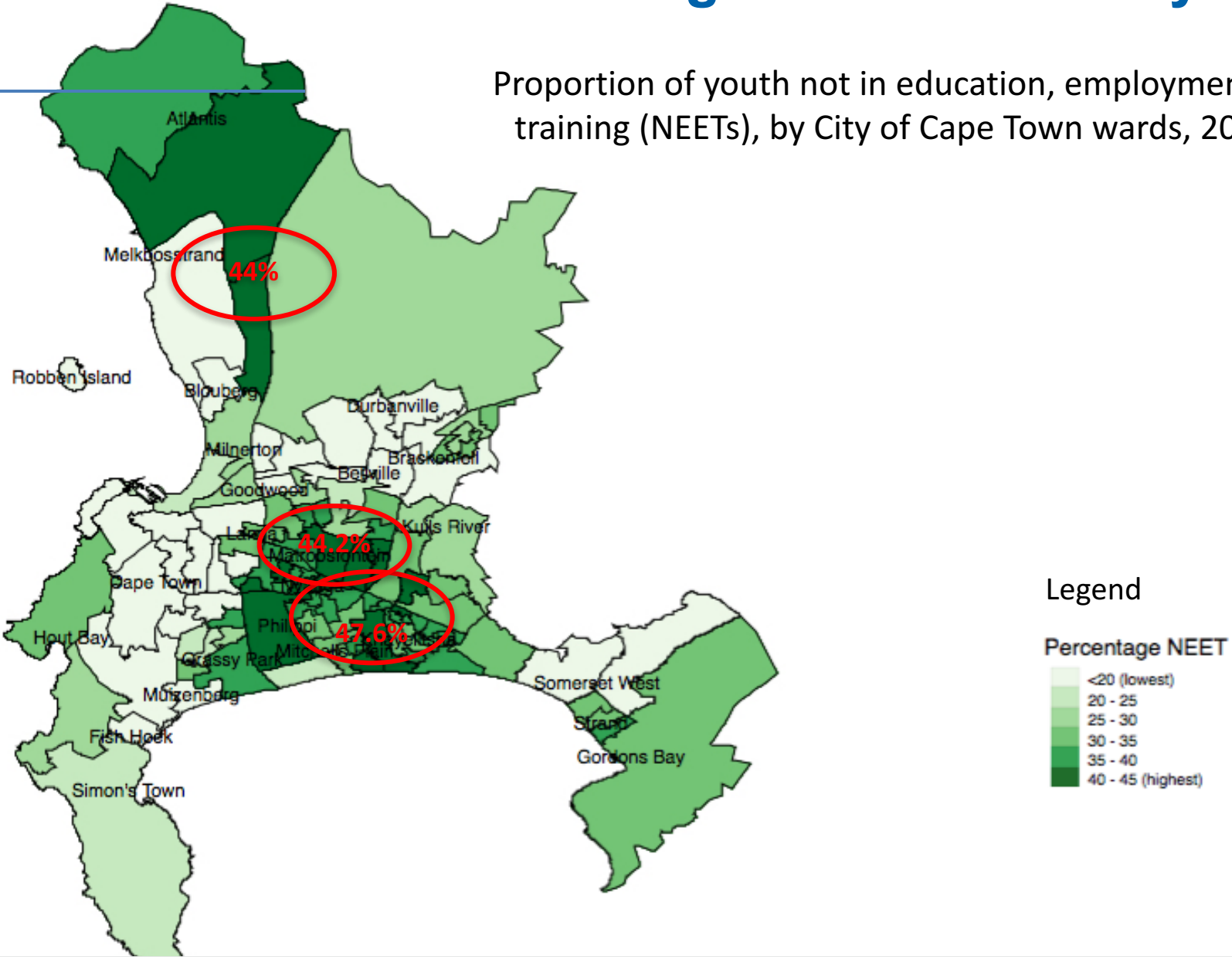
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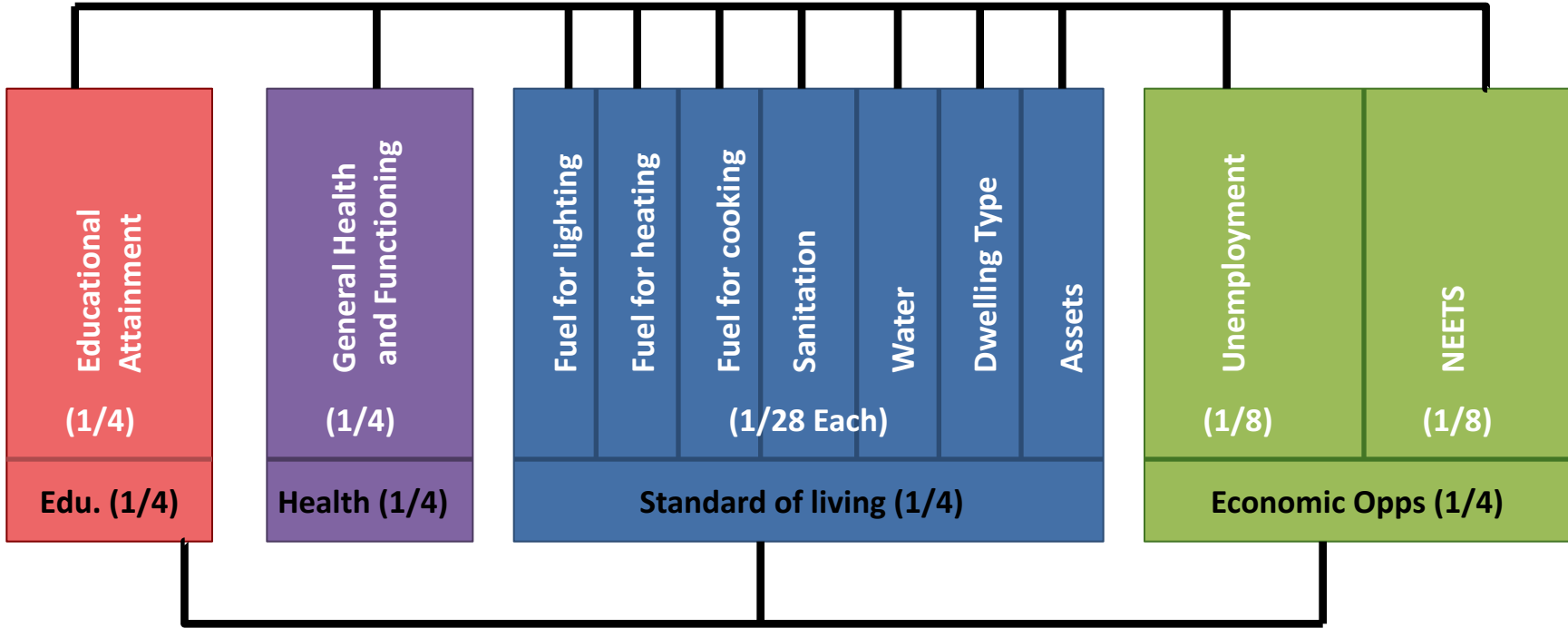
Indicators for Youth Well-being: ward-level analysis

Proportion of youth not in education, employment or training (NEETs), by City of Cape Town wards, 2011



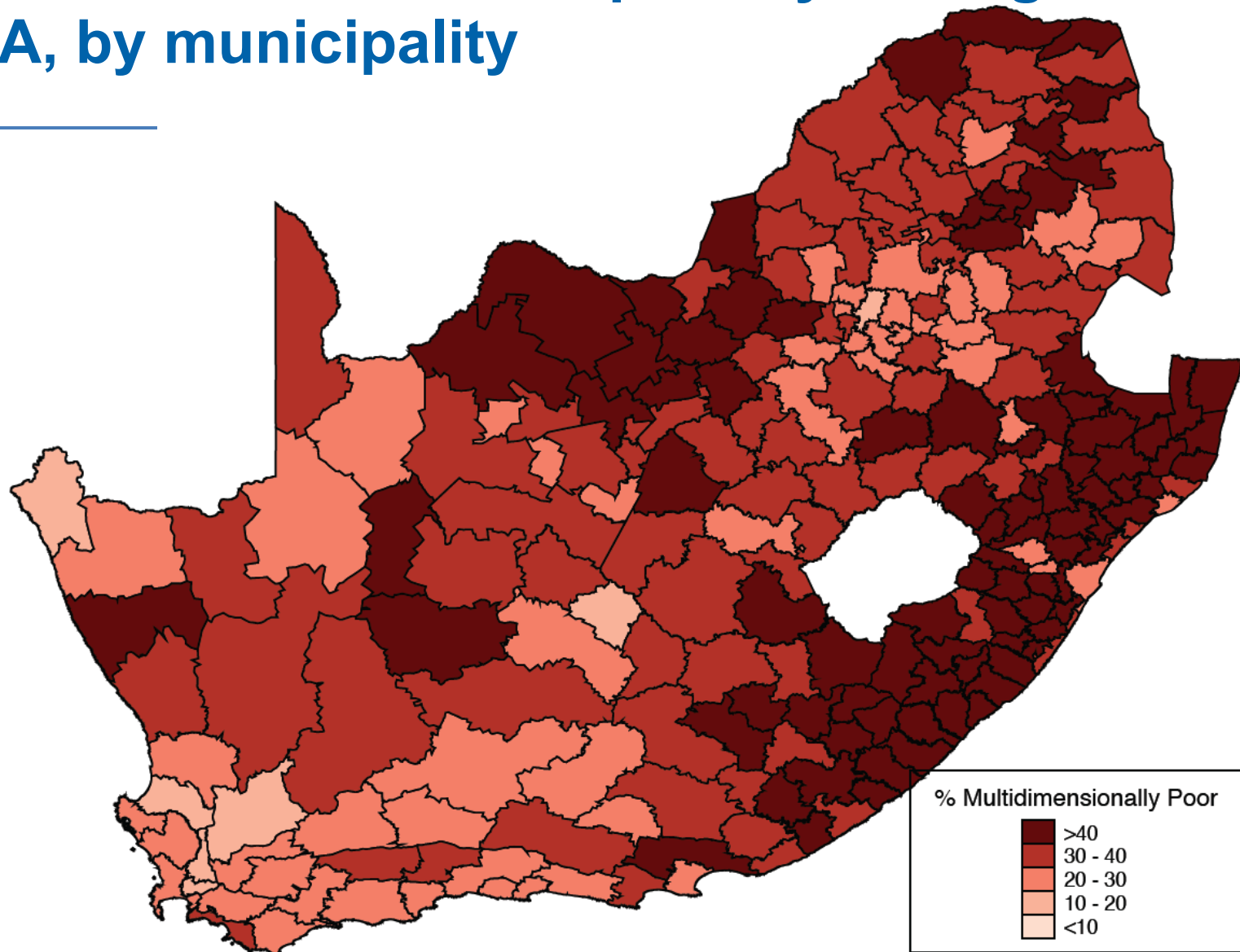
Combining dimensions towards a Youth MPI

11 Indicators

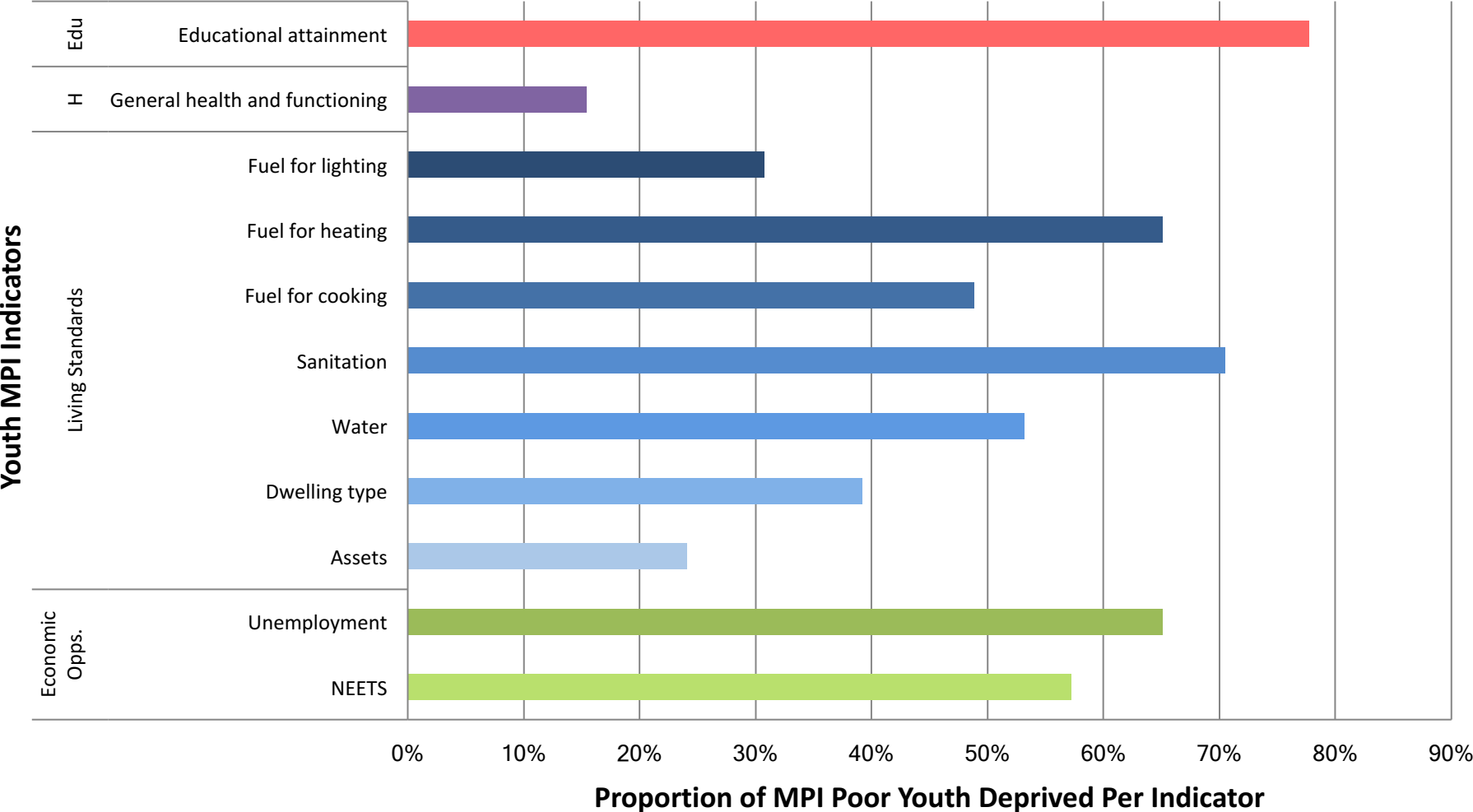


4 Dimensions

Incidence of multi-dimensional poverty among youth in SA, by municipality



Drivers of Deprivation among MPI Poor Youth



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