



GENDER, POVERTY & INEQUALITY

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BACKGROUND

- Women's Month – 6 August 1956 protest against pass laws
- Sang – Wathint' Abafazi wa thint' imbokodo
- 1966 – Winnie Mandela – declared: “To those who oppose us, we say, *Strike the woman, and you strike the rock*”
- Represent women's struggles
- After 1994 – Gender equality enshrined in Constitution (1996)
- Progress but challenges abound
- Struggle against poverty, inequality, domestic violence persist



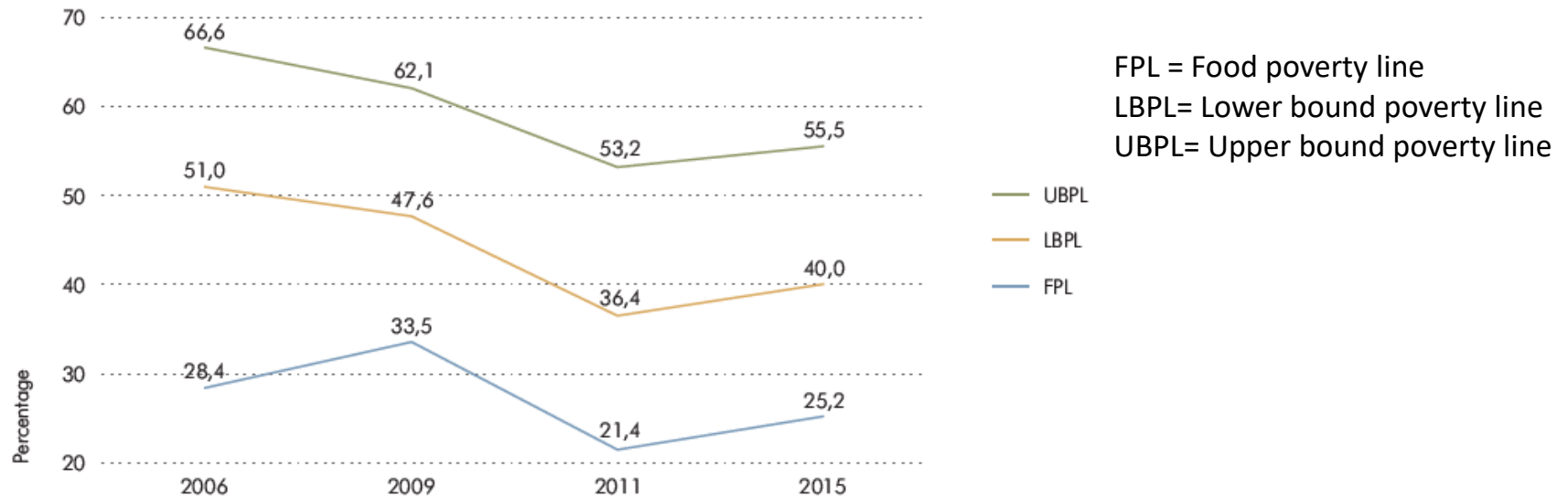
BACKGROUND CONT.

- State of gender reflective of social structures & power relations that produce & sustain inequalities
- Need to probe deeper into the processes that underlie poverty
- Development analyses – multi-dimensional aspects of poverty
- Women experience different & unequal “states of poverty”
- Intersectionality allows gendered analysis of poverty & differences among women –answers, which women?
- Women not homogenous – differences in race, class and human capital endowment



MEASURES OF POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA

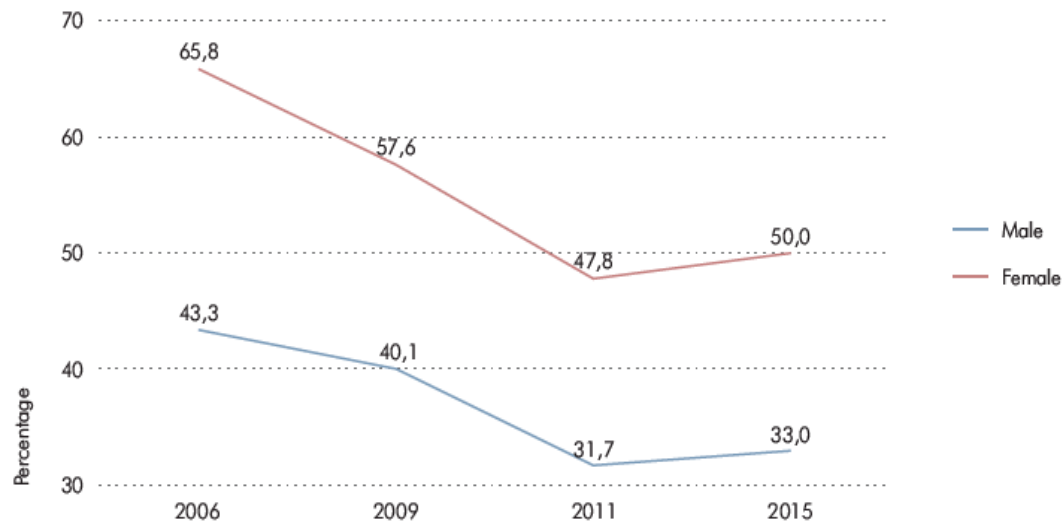
Poverty headcounts based on the FPL, LBPL & UBPL (2006, 2009, 2011 & 2015)





Incidence of household poverty by gender of household head

Poverty incidence of households by sex of household head (UBPL) (2006, 2009, 2011 & 2015)





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Poverty headcount by population group (UBPL) (2006, 2009, 2011 & 2015)

