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Female and Child Poverty in Malta

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Statistics show that females and their children may be more at risk of poverty in Malta

Table 4. At-risk-of-poverty rates by age group and sex

Age group	Sex	2020	2021	
		%	%	Number of persons below the threshold
All ages	Males	15.6	15.8	41,700
	Females	18.3	18.0	44,054
	Total	16.9	16.9	85,754
Under 18	Total	20.4	19.6	16,300
18-64	Males	12.8	12.3	21,778
	Females	14.3	14.0	21,779
	Total	13.5	13.1	43,557
65 and over	Males	24.7	25.9	11,250
	Females	27.8	30.1	14,647
	Total	26.3	28.1	25,897

- Source: EU-SILC 2021: Salient Indicators, National Statistics Office, Malta (2021) pg. 5.

Research Questions

What leads to female and child poverty in Malta?

How can the issue of female and child poverty in Malta be addressed effectively?

Research Objectives

To assess the existing situation of female and child poverty in Malta.

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To analyse the factors that lead to female and child poverty in Malta.

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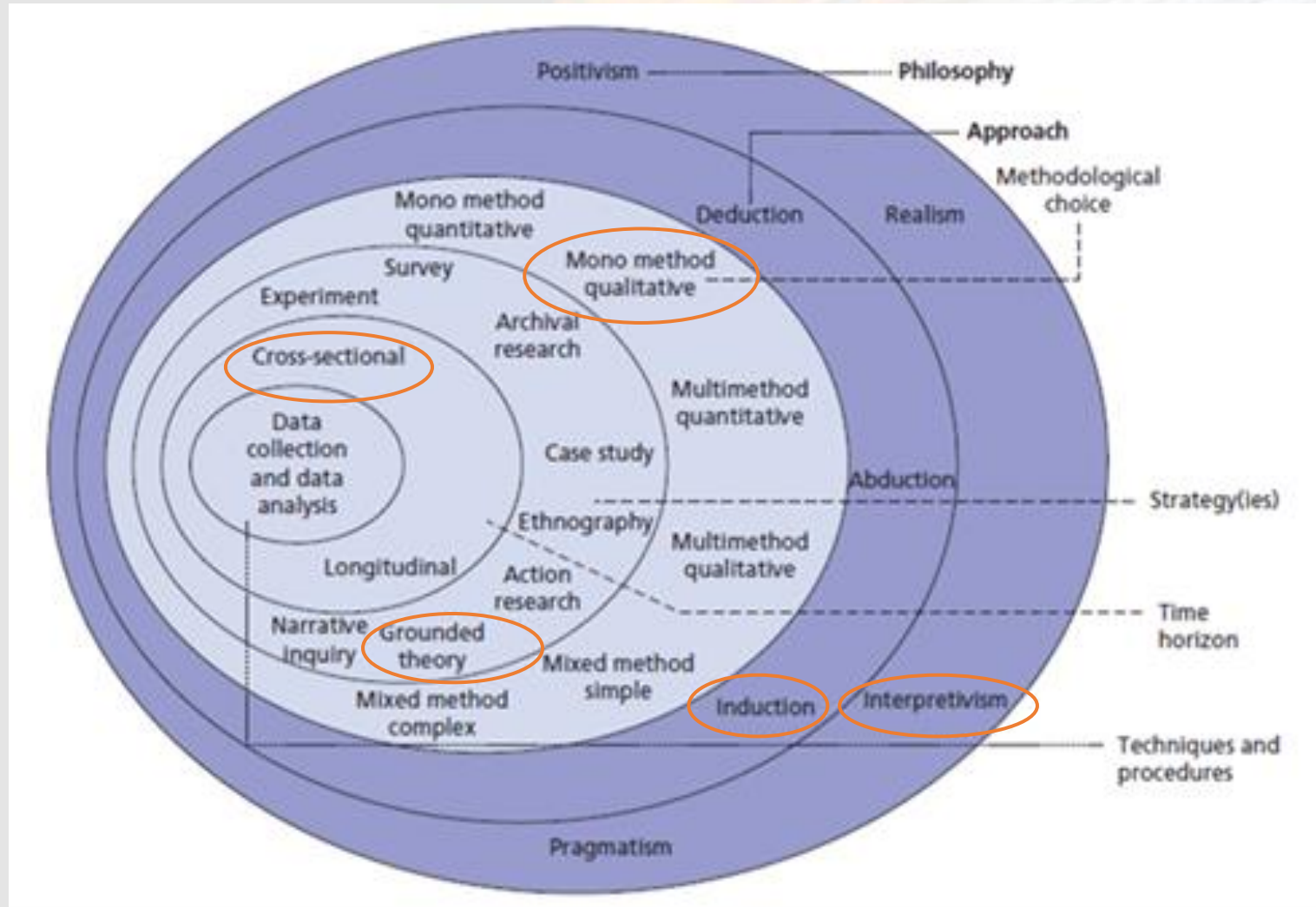
To recommend ways how to address the issue of female and child poverty in Malta.

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Literature Review



Research Onion



Qualitative Research Approach

Grounded theory was adopted as the methodological stance in this research.

It was considered as the most appropriate method of research as it is renowned to elicit rich insights into this research area.

Grounded Theory

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Contextual
Conditions

Actions and
Reactions

Consequences
and Outcomes

Data Collection

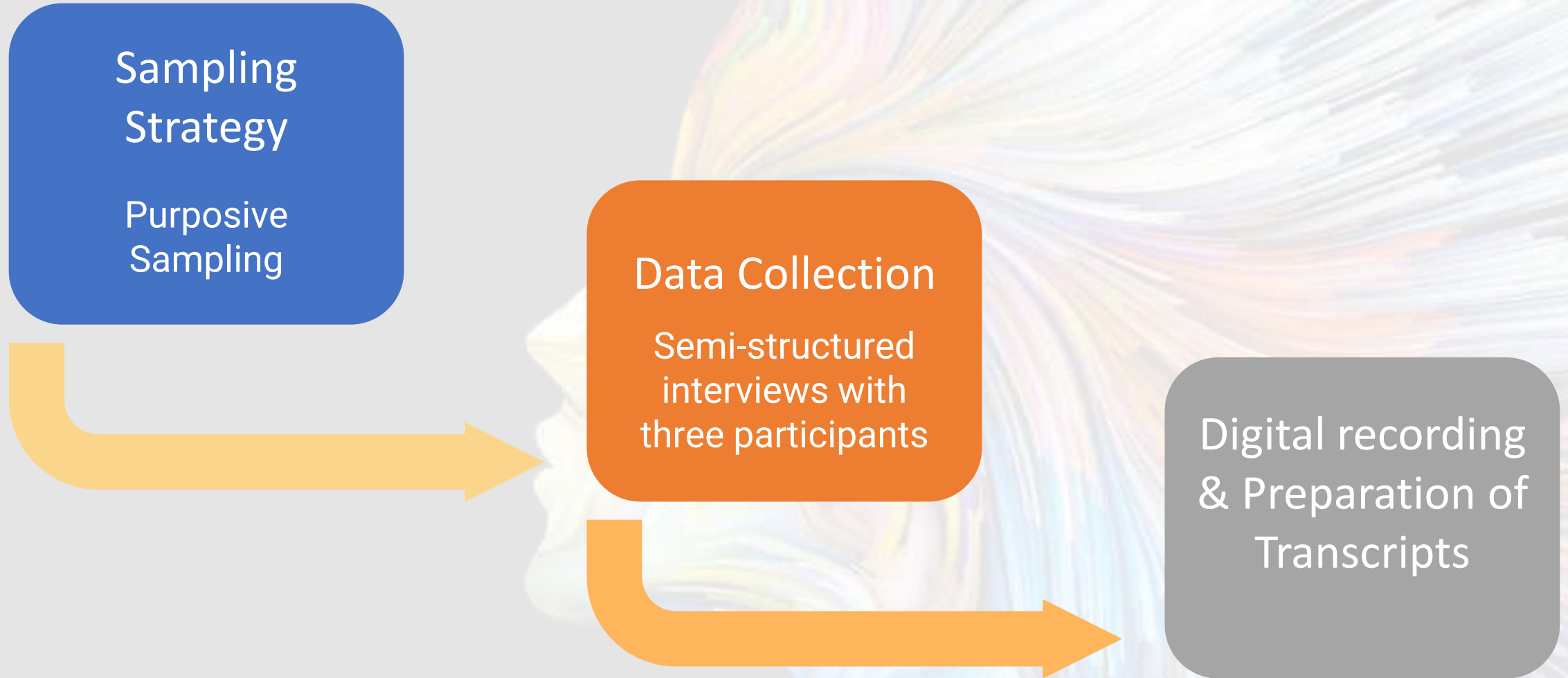
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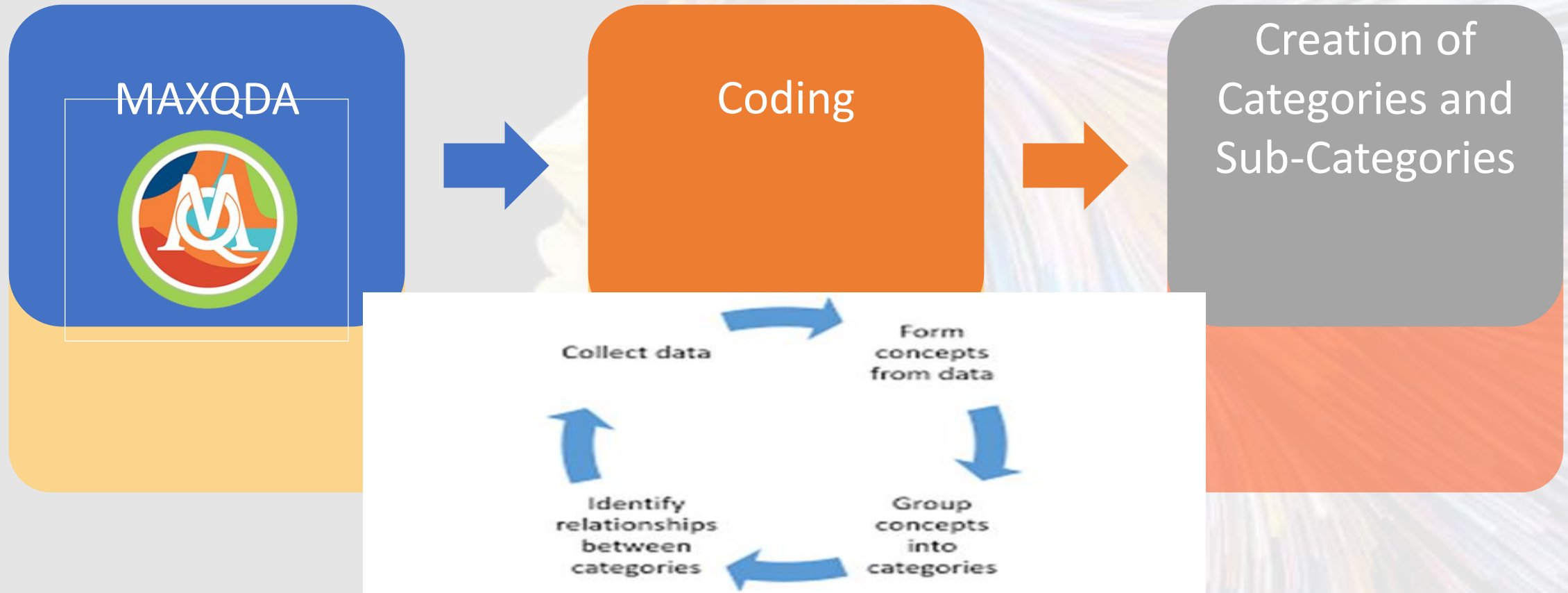
Data Collection

Semi-structured
interviews with
three participants

Digital recording
& Preparation of
Transcripts



Data Analysis



Main Findings

Factors leading to female and child poverty in Malta

The possible relationship between mental health and female and child poverty in Malta

Services being provided by the state and by NGOs

Alleviating female and child poverty through education, employment, mentoring and entrepreneurship



Research Propositions

Measuring Poverty

The need to revise how poverty in Malta is measured

1

Gender Pay Gap

Needs to be addressed efficiently as it is still existent in Malta

2

Female Participation

Encourage females to further their education and to be more participative in the labour market

3

Over Indebtedness

Needs to be effectively addressed

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Research Propositions

IT Skills and Digital Literacy

Address the need for IT skills and digital literacy, especially for the elderly, who may be more prone to financial abuse

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Financial Literacy

Needs to be introduced as part of the educational curriculum as from early education of school children

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Financial Literacy Programmes

Need to be delivered on a larger scale, reaching out to the different needs of the population

7

Mentoring & Enhancing Female Entrepreneurship

Are considered as two effective ways how to alleviate female and child poverty

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Research Propositions

Innovative Way

Needs to be addressed in an innovative way, without duplicating existent services that already exist in Malta

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EU Funding

Should be considered to finance the delivery of specialised financial management training programmes on a one-to-one basis to individuals who are in poverty, or who are at risk of sliding into poverty.

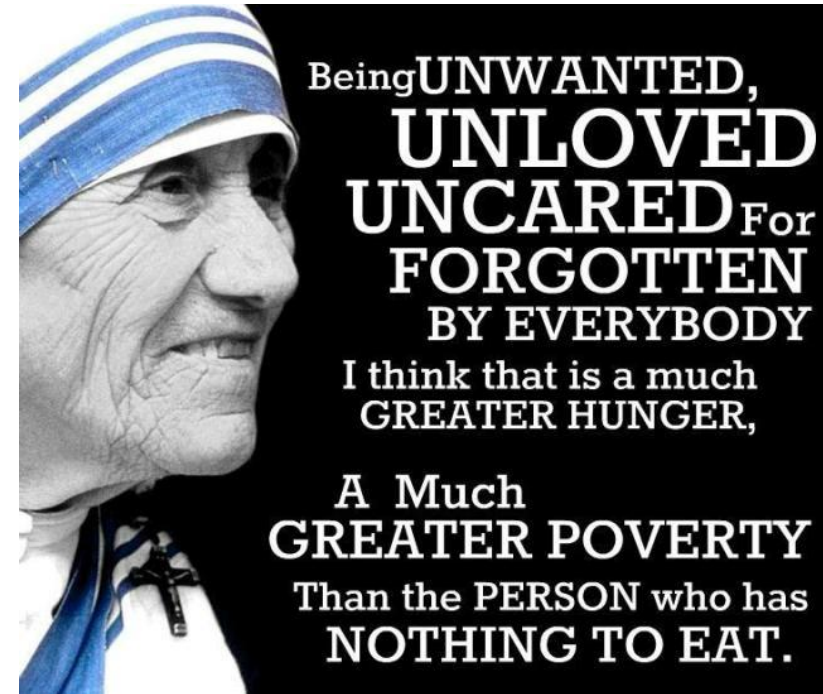
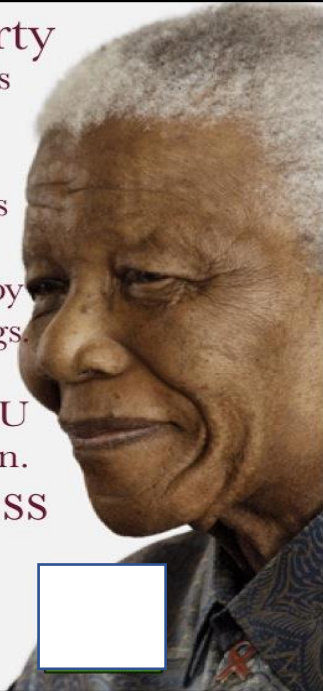
Such service users may include victims of domestic violence, victims of different type of addictions and prison inmates.

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"Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

Nelson Mandela,
1918-2013



Being UNWANTED,
UNLOVED
UNCARED For
FORGOTTEN
BY EVERYBODY

I think that is a much
GREATER HUNGER,

A Much
GREATER POVERTY
Than the PERSON who has
NOTHING TO EAT.