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RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 19, 2007 – Six million Brazilians were lifted above the poverty line the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) in a study released on Wednesday.

The number of Brazilian citizens living below the poverty line dropped by 15 percent in 2006 with 2005. The FGV stressed that it was the best result since the entity started carrying out 1992.

The result reflected the government's policies implemented over the past few years, such a "Scholarship" aimed at helping families keep their children in schools by providing financial . other targets, said the report.

The subsequent minimum wage rises were also mentioned as a key factor.

"I think that the drop in 2006 will be repeated in 2007. Once economic growth is good, then prospect of employment growth and there is also continuity in the government's social prog FGV economist Marcelo Neri, who is in charge of the study.

This is the first time the population living in extreme poverty represented less than 20 perce country's population.

Neri also stressed that the incomes of the country's poorest 10percent of citizens rose by 5 the period, while those of the wealthiest 10 percent increased by 6.8 percent, which helpec income distribution inequalities.

The FGV has analyzed income distribution and poverty over the past 15 years based on da the National Household Sample Survey.

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