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Six mln Brazilians lifted out of poverty in 2006

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 19 (Xinhua) – Six million Brazilians were lifted above the poverty line in 2006, said 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 compared with 2005. The FGV stressed that it was the best result since the entity started carrying out the study in 1992. The result reflected the government's policies implemented over the past few years, such as the "Family Scholarship" aimed at helping families keep their children in schools by providing financial aid, among 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, there is a good prospect of employment growth and there is also continuity in the government's social programs," said FGV economist Marcelo Neri, who is in charge of the study. This is the first time the popu

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