Poverty is an enemy of man, it humiliates and dehumanises its victim. The paper examines poverty alleviation policies and programmes of government and came to the conclusion that these policies failed to alleviate, instead elevated poverty in the country. The reasons for these include corruption in government and neglect of the target group – the poor, who were never considered during the formation of these policies. The paper suggests that government should intensify the war against corruption and carry along the target group – the poor in formulation of its programme by making ‘pro-poor’ policies its focus as basis for poverty alleviation.