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1. CROP is an interdisciplinary and international research programme on poverty in developed and developing countries. CROP now has a network of more than 1700 researchers and institutions working with poverty issues. For more information you may visit the web at www.crop.org.