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MANIFESTATIONS OF POVERTY IN NIGERIA (CASE STUDY OF SOUTH-EAST NIGERIA)

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Abstract

Poverty strikes at the core existence of man, thereby depriving him the capability to function. Identification and separation of manifestations of poverty from its causes is very important in poverty alleviation. The study was at identifying the different manifestations and indicators of poverty in Nigeria using South-east Nigeria as a case study. Principal Component Analysis was used at achieving this aim and it was found that following to be dimensions of poverty in South-East Nigeria: Dwelling indicators; financial indicators; sanitary indicators; Human resource indicators and Nutrition indicators. On the bases of the findings, several recommendations were proffered, among which provision of adequate and quality is housing; enhancing the capacity of microfinance banks; overhauling of educational curriculum to make it more functional etc.

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