

WOMEN'S RIGHTS AS THE MISSING LINK IN POVERTY ERADICATION IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Nigeria is an excellent edifice among countries with widespread poverty and outstanding epitome of failed intervention programmes. An interesting twist to the precarious situation is the contradiction that exists among the proportions in poverty, the potential to create wealth and the design and implementation of poverty eradication programmes as they affect the genders. This article draws on the enormous archive of materials available on gender, in addition to primary and secondary data from official documents to demonstrate the challenges gender trajectories pose to successful interventions aimed at poverty eradication. It does so interrogating the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) that was developed as a framework for eradicating poverty in Nigeria.