

# Reducing Poverty and Promoting Sustainable Development in Nigeria: An Examination of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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## **Abstract**

*Poverty remains a prevalent issue, primarily concentrated in rural area and tied to various well-known impediments such as government shortcomings, deprivation, inflation, and disease. Poverty continues to be a pervasive and critical challenge faced by diverse economics worldwide. This paper investigates the Impact of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in Nigeria. The specific Objectives of this study include assessing the potential of (SUGs) In Nigeria, evaluating the SDGs performance in poverty reduction, examining the obstacles hindering SDG performance in poverty reduction and sustainable development in Nigeria, and proposing measures to fortify SDGs impact on poverty reduction and sustainable development. The finding indicates that the activities associated with the SDGs have not made significant strides in diminishing poverty or advancing sustainable development in Nigeria. The study concludes that the Nigerian government has not exerted sufficient effort to meet the targets outlined in the SDGs policy document in the country. Consequently, the study recommends that governments at all levels prioritize through and rural development in Nigeria.*

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## **Introduction:**

Poverty, both a global and national concern, remains a persistent challenge for many nations, and Nigeria is no exception. As Africa's most populous country and largest economy, Nigeria grapples with the complex issue of poverty, particularly in rural areas. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), established by the United Nations, have emerged as a beacon of hope in addressing this pressing issue. This topic is of immense significance, as Nigeria, a country of over 200 million people, grapples with the multifaceted challenge of poverty and the imperative of sustainable

development. This presentation will delve into the prospects, performance, challenges, and recommendations associated with SDGs in Nigeria.

### **The State of Poverty in Nigeria**

Poverty in Nigeria, like in many other countries, is closely associated with rural communities. The challenges in rural areas, including limited access to education, healthcare, infrastructure, and economic opportunities, contribute significantly to the prevalence of poverty. Government failures, lack of resources, inflation, and diseases are some of the known barriers that have hindered poverty reduction efforts in Nigeria. The scale of the problem is immense, with over 40% of Nigeria's population living below the national poverty line, as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics.

### **The Role of the Sustainable Development Goals**

The Sustainable Development Goals, a set of 17 interconnected objectives, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 to address a wide range of global challenges, including poverty, inequality, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. In Nigeria, these goals provide a framework to tackle multifaceted issues associated with poverty and sustainable development.

### **Prospects of SDGs in Nigeria**

The SDGs offer a promising framework for Nigeria to combat poverty and enhance sustainable development. They provide a comprehensive roadmap to address the root causes of poverty, emphasizing economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. With political commitment and strategic implementation, the SDGs hold the potential to create positive change in Nigeria.

### **Performance of SDGs in Poverty Reduction:**

- Efforts to integrate the SDGs into national policies and programs in Nigeria.
- An analysis of the limited impact of these initiatives on poverty reduction.
- Factors contributing to this limited impact, including inadequate funding, lack of coordination, and insufficient monitoring and evaluation.

### **Challenges Facing SDGs in Nigeria:**

- The inadequate commitment of the Nigerian government in terms of resource allocation and effective implementation.

- Bureaucratic inefficiencies, corruption, and low public awareness hindering the SDGs' effectiveness.

### **Recommendations for Enhancing SDGs in Nigeria:**

To bolster the impact of the SDGs on poverty reduction and sustainable development in Nigeria, several measures can be taken:

- Increased government commitment: Nigerian authorities at all levels must allocate sufficient funding and resources for the SDGs' successful implementation.
- Efficient execution: Ensuring efficient planning and execution of SDGs programs and projects, with an emphasis on transparency and accountability.
- Public awareness: Initiating public awareness campaigns and educational programs to promote citizen engagement.
- Partnerships: Encouraging collaborative efforts involving the government, civil society, and the private sector to maximize the impact of SDGs.
- Monitoring and evaluation: Regularly monitoring and evaluating SDGs-related activities to track progress and make necessary adjustments.

### **Conclusion:**

The Sustainable Development Goals hold great promise for Nigeria in addressing poverty and promoting sustainable development. However, the country faces numerous challenges in achieving these goals. Government commitment, efficient execution, public awareness, partnerships, and monitoring and evaluation are key elements in enhancing the impact of SDGs in Nigeria. The journey towards a poverty-free and sustainable Nigeria is arduous, but it is a journey worth pursuing.

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