

Prospecting Sustainable Development in Nigeria Through Poverty Eradication and Social Protection

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The issue of sustainable development in Nigeria through poverty eradication and social protection has been a serious challenge to various countries in the world including Nigeria. This has prompted the initiation and implementation of various intervention programmes including the present Sustainable Development Goals aimed at provision and sustenance of socio-economic and infrastructural facilities which their access to the people would accelerate poverty reduction and engender social protection in the country. The presence of these socio-economic infrastructure would enable the citizens, especially the down trodden have access to the wide distribution of the benefits of the economic growth and significant improvement in the incomes that would improve their living standard. This study therefore set out to examine the prospect of sustainable development in Nigeria through poverty eradication and social protection. The study contends that sustainable development in Nigeria through poverty eradication is the only means to entrench social protection that would transcends to peace and security in the country. It asserts that Nigeria with its abundant natural and human resources has the potential to achieve this, and that in the light of some daunting socio-economic challenges permeating the Nigerian economy, it is needful that the government concentrates on key sectors that can assist to accelerate and sustain its developmental objectives. The data for the study were collected from documentary sources, media commentaries, scholarly inputs and direct observation, while content analytical approach was adopted. The study adopted system's theory as its framework of analysis. The study found out that the previous poverty eradication programmes initiated and implemented in Nigeria by various governments carried out without provision for their sustenance while the poor ones were never identified and given the opportunities to have access to these intervention programmes which would have given them the needed social protection and as such had no significant impact on the lives of the poor. The paper concludes that sustainable development is a viable bridge builder for poverty reduction and social protection in Nigeria.