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# IMPACT OF HOUSEHOLD POVERTY, FOOD INSECURITY AND NUTRITIONAL STATUS ON CHILD WELLBEING IN NIGERIA

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**Background:** Poverty, food insecurity, and poor nutrition have considerable impact on the health and well-being of human beings, especially children. The cumulative effects of poverty and food insecurity include dismal socioeconomic and well-being indicators. Nigeria, the most populous nation in Africa, is ranked low in the Human Development Index (HDI). About forty four percent of Nigeria's population is < 15 years. Household socioeconomic inequalities have implications for poverty status, food insecurity incidence, nutritional condition and these cumulatively will impact a child's well-being. The well-being of a child impacts growth, development and future productivity. It is important to consider the synergy of poverty status, food insecurity and nutrition conditions and generate knowledge for relevant policy stakeholders. There is a dearth of research on how the well-being of children has been impacted by household poverty in relation to food security. In addition, previous studies failed to employ holistic models in their methodologies.

**Objectives:** To profile child well-being with poverty status, food insecurity levels and nutritional conditions among households in Nigeria. To estimate poverty status index (PSI), food insecurity index (FII), nutritional status index (NSI) and child well-being index (CWBI).

**Methodology:** Secondary data from the Harmonized National Living Standard Survey (HNLSS) and the World Bank Data base will be utilized to evaluate the impact of food insecurity and nutritional status on child wellbeing in Nigeria. Analytical tools - (Foster-Greer-Thorbecke Indices (FGT) and (2Stage Least square /3Stage Least square).

**Expected Results** – To provide insight and generate veritable policy relevant to proffer sustainable policy recommendations that will transform child well-being positively.

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