

## **A conceptual analysis on Poverty**

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This paper attempts to delineate the dimensions and characters of poverty as a multidimensional concept. It further attempts to cover most important sub topics regarding the main concept. A workable solution on the eradication of poverty let alone managing it. This I strongly believe is because of the varied definitions of poverty that ranges from one social group to another and from one sociologist to the other. In trying to define poverty, I suggest our starting point should be, to understand the following; who are the poor? And who decides that the next person is poor? Furthermore, what are the measurements used to gauge poverty. With all the poverty alleviation policies, that societies use to address and re-address poverty, who counts the poor? Who decides on how and the ways to help them out of poverty? Are the so called poor themselves, involved or have any say in the policy making, say at least suggest how and what ways to use in helping them.