

ROLE OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ON POVERTY REDUCTION: EMPIRICAL STUDY FROM LOCAL NGOs IN MOGADISHU-SOMALIA

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to investigate the contribution of Non-Governmental Organizations in Poverty reduction in Mogadishu-Somalia. The study had the following objectives: To establish the role of NGOs in improvement of livelihood for poverty reduction in Mogadishu-Somalia. To examine the relationship between food security and poverty reduction in Mogadishu-Somalia. To assess the contribution of NGOs in poverty reduction through microfinance services in the four selected cases in Mogadishu-Somalia. To suggest possible solutions to the challenges facing the NGOs in under taking food security programs for poverty reduction in the four selected cases in Mogadishu-Somalia. This study was employed through explanatory research design. The purpose affecting the variables involves in this study and helped to achieve all the objectives of research. However, this study was used quantitative approach. The study found that there is positive relationship among all variables as following: livelihood improvement and poverty reduction at ($r=.686$ and $p>0.01$). Food security and poverty reduction at ($r=.676$ and $p>0.01$) finally the study indicated positive relationship between microfinance and poverty reduction at ($r=.729$ and $p>0.01$). This research has important implications for policy. The multiple deprivations of urban poverty experienced by the communities cannot be eliminated through one-off single sector projects, but require the adoption of a more integrated approach rather than the current needs-based approach utilized by NGOs. For poverty reduction programs to experience greater success, especially in increasing their scale of impact and incorporating vulnerable groups, requires that NGOs adopt a more integrative approach that instead of the current focus on service delivery complements. this with a greater emphasis on policy and advocacy. For Nongovernmental Organization managers, in order to function in the most effective way, it is recommended that managers must advantage themselves to empowerment training and development programmers. Such programs have proven to increase poverty reduction, achievement, motivation and enhance the personal competencies. Therefore, NGOs managers hoping to enhance its level of performance should consider the following: NGOs should provide effective empowerment program to their beneficiaries that will improve poverty reduction. NGOs should provide payments based system of their beneficiaries to better attendance NGOs should promote their beneficiaries to better satisfy as to enhance poverty reduction.

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