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**Applied Sociology and Institutionalised Professionalism
Some Reflections on the Pragmatics of Child Care in
Developing Societies. An Adaptation of Maslow's Hierarchy
of Needs and the Bureaucratic Imperative**

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ABSTRACT Poverty is so widespread that there seems little rational hope that professional welfare schemes based on western models can do more than mitigate extreme situations. There is a need for the acceptance of down-up social practices which do not require either funding or external supervision.