

**An Analysis of Poverty among Households in Yola Metropolis of
Adamawa State, Nigeria**

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ABSTRACT The study analysed poverty among households living in Yola metropolis. A structured questionnaire was used in collecting data from 120 systematically selected respondents. The analytical tools was the *P-alpha* measure of poverty (poverty head count index, P_0 ; poverty gap index, P_1 ; and poverty squared gap index, P_2). The P_0 revealed that 47.5 % of the respondents were below the poverty line while the P_1 and P_2 with values of 0.20 and 0.1 respectively, revealed that the issue of poverty in the study area demands attention. Furthermore, the incidence of poverty was high (100%) among the illiterate household heads while poverty incidence, depth and severity were very high among older farmers of age 60 years and above. The study concluded that there is high poverty incidence in the study area. The study recommends that more effort and resources should be devoted to poverty reduction programmes.