

**Dynamics of Urban and Rural Childhood Poverty:
Need for Coping Strategies**

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ABSTRACT The study focused on revealing the causes of childhood poverty and how they can come out of impoverishment. The study determined that a child from a poor family might not really be poor because she/he might still have access to what she/he needs. However, a poor child will also be both socially and food insecure in an affluent household if he/she is deprived of access to basic needs. Some of the poor children are forced to go into destitution, child abuse, child labour, street trading, begging on the streets, stealing and other form of juvenile delinquent acts. These children are less educated due to lack of access to educational institution. For this children to be able at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for active and healthy life there is the need for policy to drastically focus on them.