AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STRATEGIES USED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION IN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AMONG URBAN YOUTHS: A CASE STUDY OF MUTARE DISTRICT (MANICALAND).

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ABSTRACT
This research sought to address the effectiveness of the strategies used in urban youth poverty alleviation. This study was conducted in Mutare District. The study focused on the strategy used by the International Labour Organisation in poverty alleviation amongst youths. Simple random sampling method was used to identify participants in the research, and to hand-out questionnaires to youths benefiting from the programme. Interviews, secondary data and observation were also used in data collection. Stratified random sampling was used in the survey so as to reduce gender disparities. The data was analyzed using SPSS to see if the poverty strategy was effective in youth poverty alleviation. The findings of this study revealed that the capacity building and skills development strategy is an effective strategy in sustainable alleviation of poverty amongst youths. This strategy improves the employability of urban youths as a result it increases their income and improves their standard of living. Basing on the findings it was concluded that there is need to engage more youth into the programme for the strategy to be more effective. Finally, the research also recommends other organisations to use capacity building and skills development in order to contribute towards sustainable development.