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FACTORS AND THE EXTENT OF POVERTY IN HULU
SAT AND TEMANGAN, MACHANG, KELANTAN.**

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ABSTRACT

Poverty is an important measure of the economic well being of a country. Poverty could be defined with different meanings in different places. Poverty is usually thought of as a lack of income, because it is income that is largely assumed to determine one's material well- being.

Poverty can be determined by using the Poverty Line Income as a measurement. PLI is updated annually on the basis of the Consumer Price Index.

Therefore, this research explores the relationship between factors and the extent of poverty in Machang, Kelantan. The researcher was choosing the level of education, family size, and employment status as a factor that want to be explores either these variables will give the affect or not to the level of poverty in Machang, Kelantan.

A study has been using 142 household who earn income less than RM1000 per month. The questionnaires were distributed to get the data from the respondents.

The findings will assist the Government of Malaysia to implemented several programs and strategies to tackle the problems of poverty in future.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the study

Poverty is one of the most familiar and enduring conditions known to humanity, it is an extremely complicated concept to understand. There is no universally accepted definition of poverty. There are many people who talk and write about poverty around the globe, without forming a consensus on one single definition of poverty. Some researchers view it as a reaction to the stress of being poor, whereas others perceive it as a process of adapting to the condition of poverty.

The word poverty has assumed a multiplicity of meanings at different times and places. Furthermore, the term now has different meanings for different persons even within the same academic discipline. As Beckford (1972) has said, "Poverty, like beauty, lies in the eyes of the beholder". Thus, it depends on the usage and aim of the definition.

As Coobs (1974) has said:

"Depending on the usage and aims, there are many relevant definitions of poverty. There is no reason why the definitions should be the same for the economic, sociology, or cultural poverty or why the same individuals should be identified under different definitions. There is also no reason why the same definition should be used for every program designed to help the poor."