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**NGE 202: Gender and Poverty**

**Course Outline**

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**Purpose and Objective**

Gender and poverty is designed and tailored to provide students with an understanding of the gender dimensions of poverty. It is expected that by the of the course, students will have comprehended the meaning of poverty from different perspectives and how programmes aimed at alleviation differentially benefit the rural and urban communities as well as men and women.

**Course Content**

1. *Definition of poverty*

- the concept of poverty
- is the culture of poverty possible
- how men experience poverty
- how women experience poverty

2. *Poverty alleviation programmes*

- alleviation of poverty in rural areas
- poverty alleviation in urban communities
- the intervention of the State in poverty alleviation programmes
- donor intervention in poverty alleviation programmes

3. Gender and sustainable human development

- knowledge and training needs for men and women
- development initiatives and poverty alleviation programmes
- women's vs. men's groups initiatives

4. Community-based initiatives in poverty alleviation

- joint development programmes
- community-based programmes
- patterns of resource distribution by gender

**Reading List**

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