

ECONOMIC GROWTH, INEQUALITY AND POVERTY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: THE CASE OF CAMEROON AND THE IVORY COAST

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ABSTRACT:

This article aims to highlight the close relationship between economic growth, inequality and poverty in two sub-Saharan countries of Africa, a country considered as economic engines of their sub region respective. Indeed, Cameroon and Côte ivory appear since independence as countries that drive policy development respectively in Central Africa and West Africa. It is therefore interesting to highlight this relationship in these countries have a strong influence in the region. For this, it is among other the following questions: What is the impact of economic growth and income inequality on poverty? And to what extent this growth can reduce the incidence of absolute poverty and improve living conditions for all? To answer these questions, the methodology used for each country is an OLS model using time series data from the database on the WB World Development Indicators 2012. The results of the study are generally significant; it appears that economic growth plays an important role in reducing poverty. In contrast, the presence of income inequality increases poverty in this region. Called control variables also play a significant role in the overall level of poverty.

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