

Assessing the Trade and Poverty Nexus in the Philippines

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Abstract

The paper tried to measure the poverty growth in the country using selected external factors such as: Total Amount of Exports and Imports in the Philippines. Trade openness is said to be conducive to economic growth therefore alleviating poverty in the country. A notable gap exists between trade integration and poverty. This study attempts to assess their relevance for the Philippines and concentrates on specific quantitative empirical evidence available on the country. However, the impact of trade on poverty is generally small and the causes of indigence are to be found elsewhere.

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