

EWEI IDEP Survey Data Presentation and Analysis



International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Introduction

The [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) is an international day celebrated every year on October 17. This date was set aside to recognise people living in poverty, support them to share their experiences and also demonstrate how we can achieve greater social inclusion by enabling people from all walks of life to come together to respect the human rights and dignity of people living in poverty.

It underscores the importance of reaching out to people living in poverty and building an alliance around their priorities with citizens from all backgrounds to end extreme poverty. It recognises the important mutual roles and relationships we have with each other based on our common and equal dignity.

At EWEI, one of our projects, [Getting Involved \(GI\)](#), is primarily designed to highlight and work towards all 17 [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). It is a project which shares knowledge that empowers not only young people to be change agents within their communities, but also contributes to transparency and accountability, which in turn supports good governance.

A Getting Involved survey was carried out at Ungwan Kudu community (one of EWEI's host communities), to mark the International Day for the Eradication Poverty (IDEP). Questionnaires were administered among 50 respondents; 35 women, 15 men to ascertain the level of poverty in their community.

Data Presentation and Analysis

Of the 50 surveys carried out, 42 were returned, making it a high return rate and below is the summary of the analysed data collected.

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1. Gender

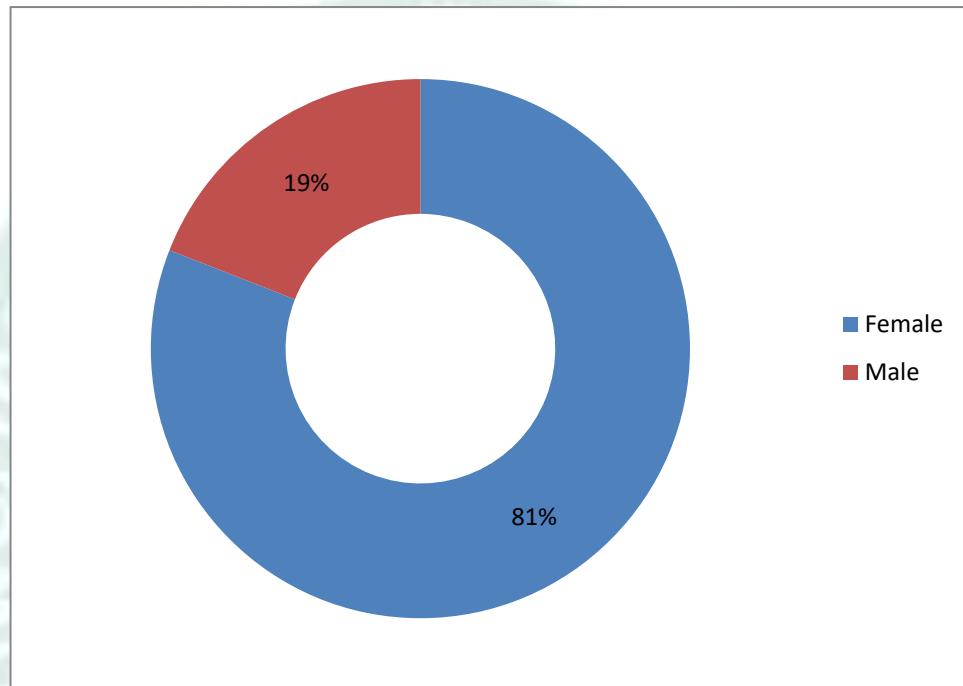
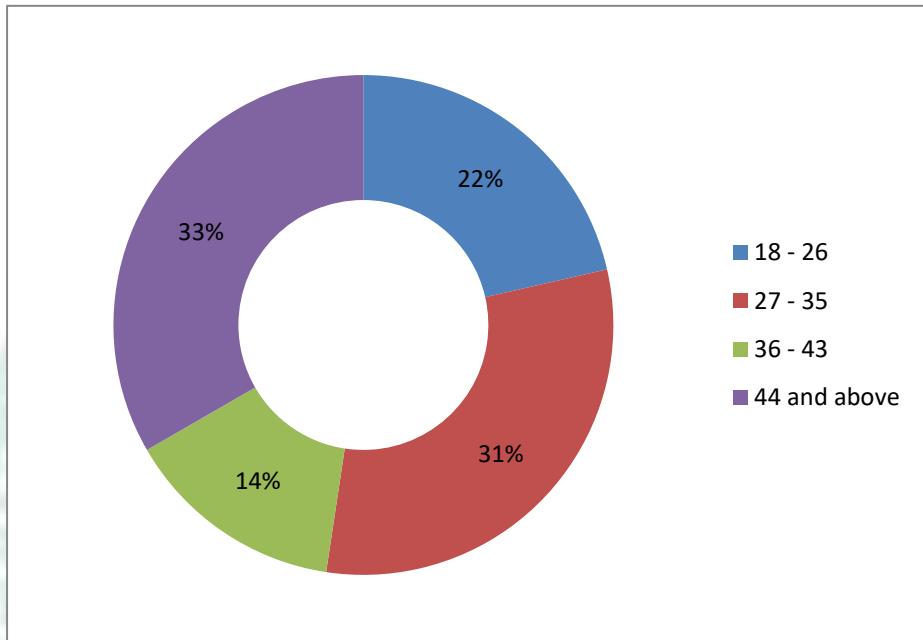


Chart 1 illustrates that out of the total number of questionnaires returned, 81% were females and 19% males.

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2. Age



In Chart 2 the data shows that 22% represents ages 18 – 26;
31% represents ages 27 – 35;
14% represents ages 36 – 43;
and the highest percentage of 33% represents ages 44 and above.

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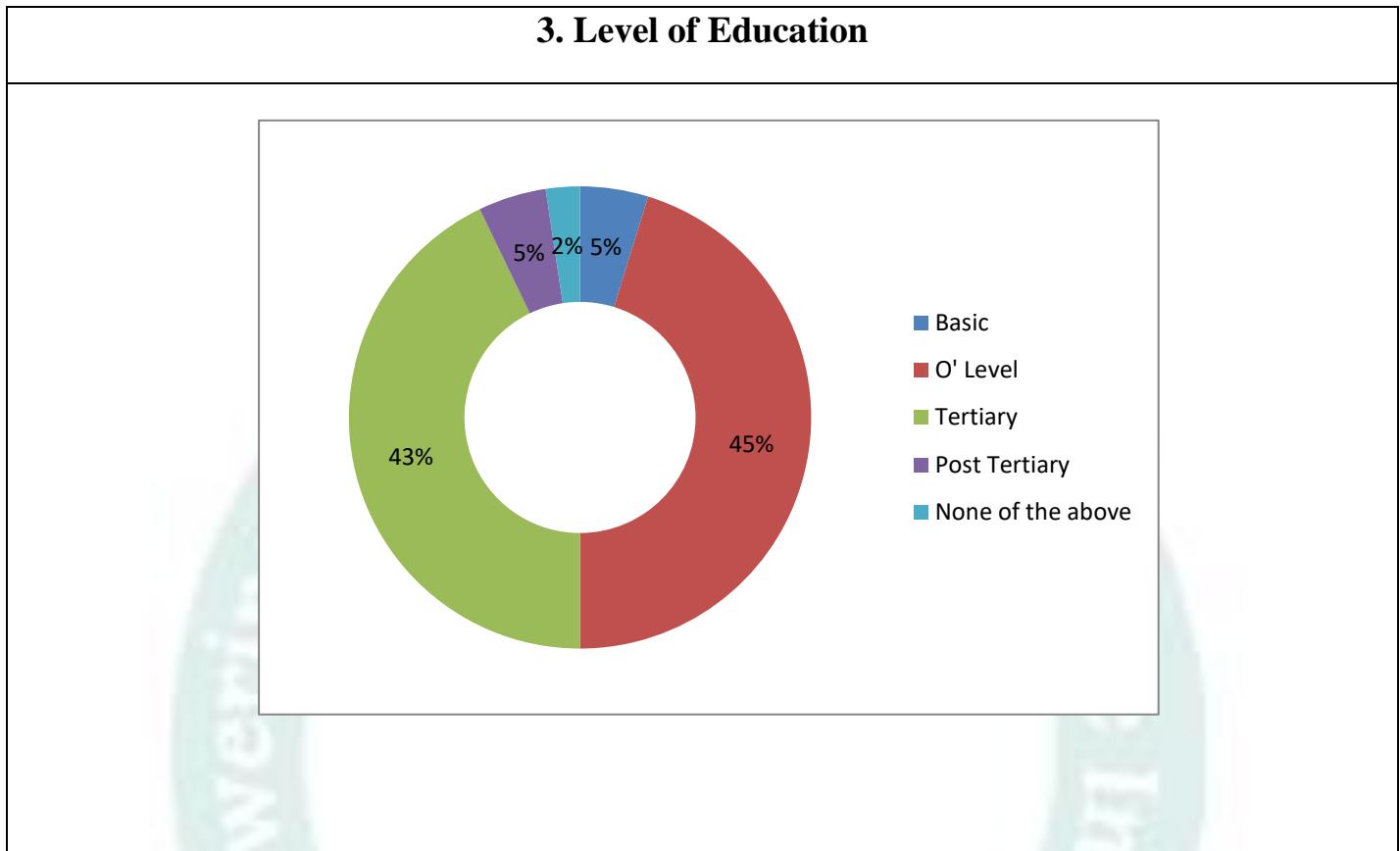
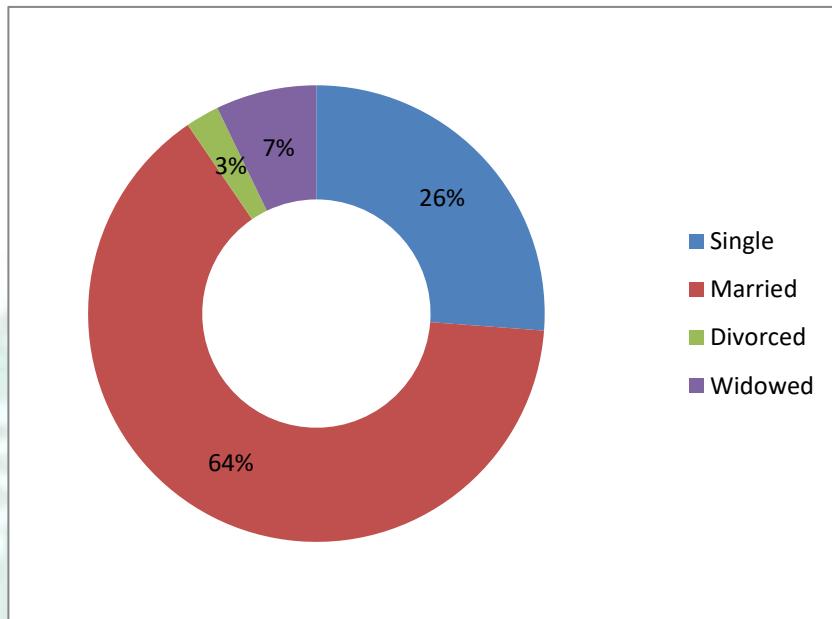


Chart 3 it shows that 2% (which is the lowest percentage) does not fall in any of the mentioned categories. 5% represents the percentages of people that have basic education and also people who furthered their education to the post tertiary level. The highest percentages registered were 43% which represented people who obtained tertiary certificates and 45% for those that obtained their O'level certification.

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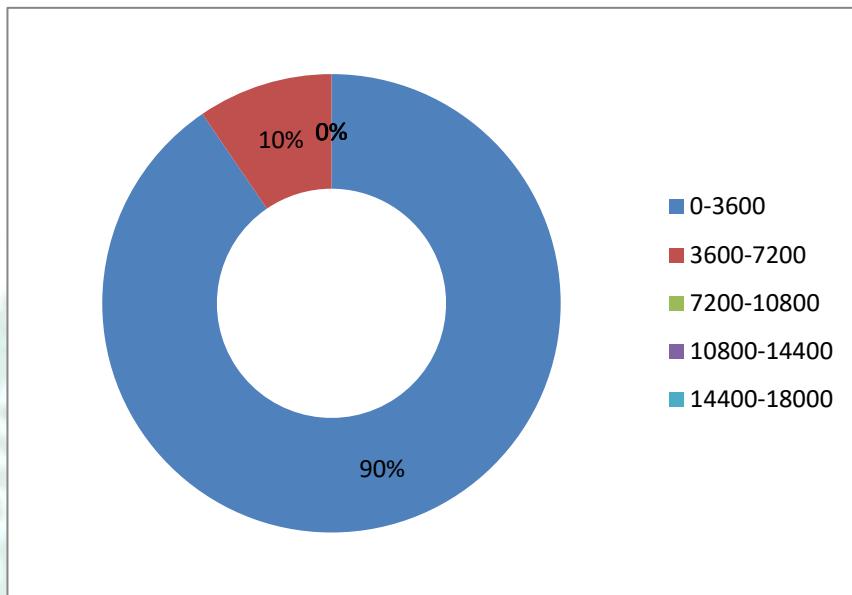
5. Marital Status



In chart 5 above, the highest percentage was registered at 64% which represented those who were married. This was followed by 26% of those who were single. Then the lowest percentages were 7% and 3% that represented those who have lost a spouse and divorced, respectively.

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6. Income Range (per day in naira)



The above chart depicts that 90% of the respondents had their income fall between 0 - 3600 daily and 10% fall under the category of 3600 – 7200 daily.

This translates to 90% income is between 0 – 11.8 USD daily and 10% in the category of 11.8 – 23.5 USD daily.

Exchange rate of NGN 306 – \$1US.

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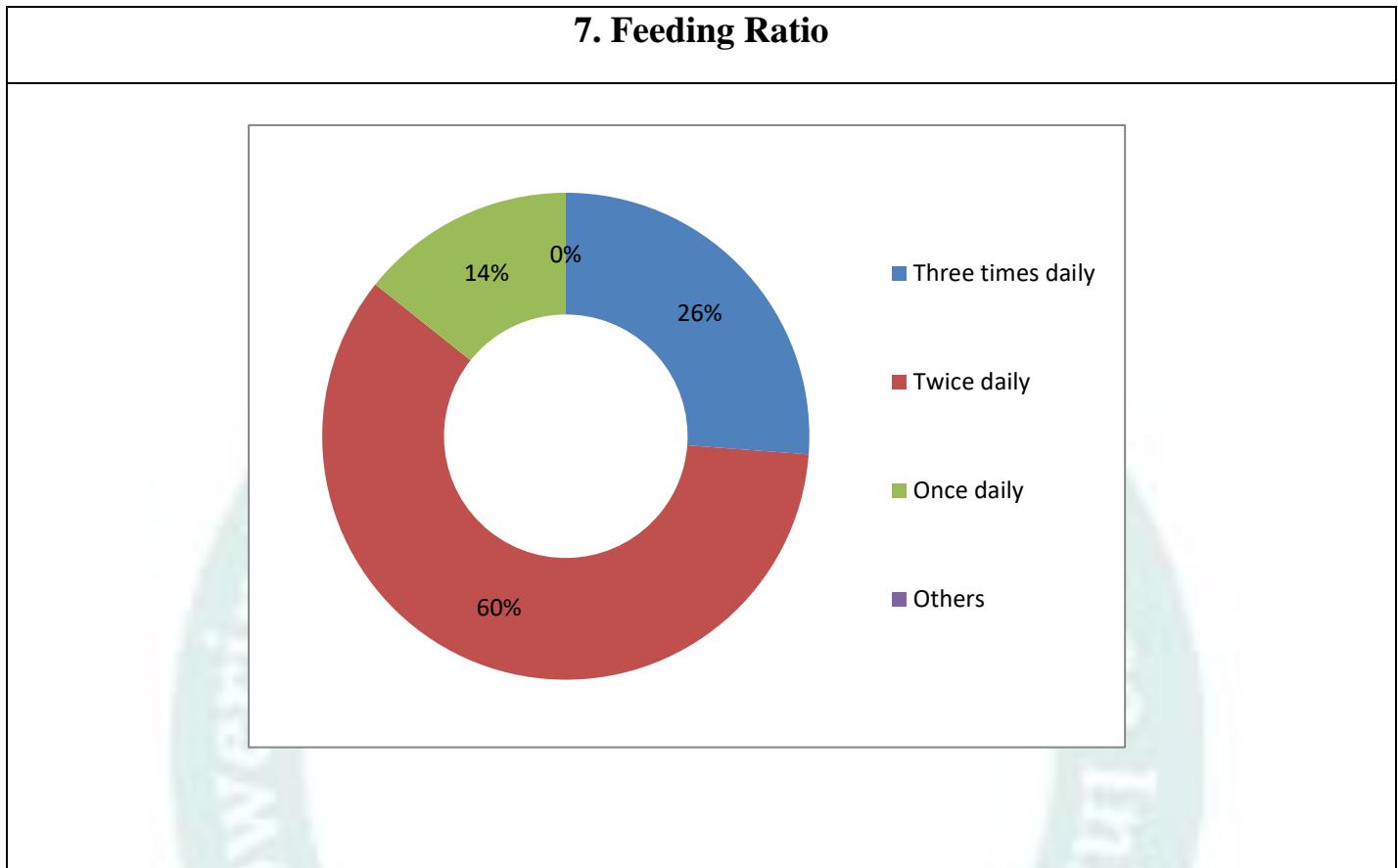
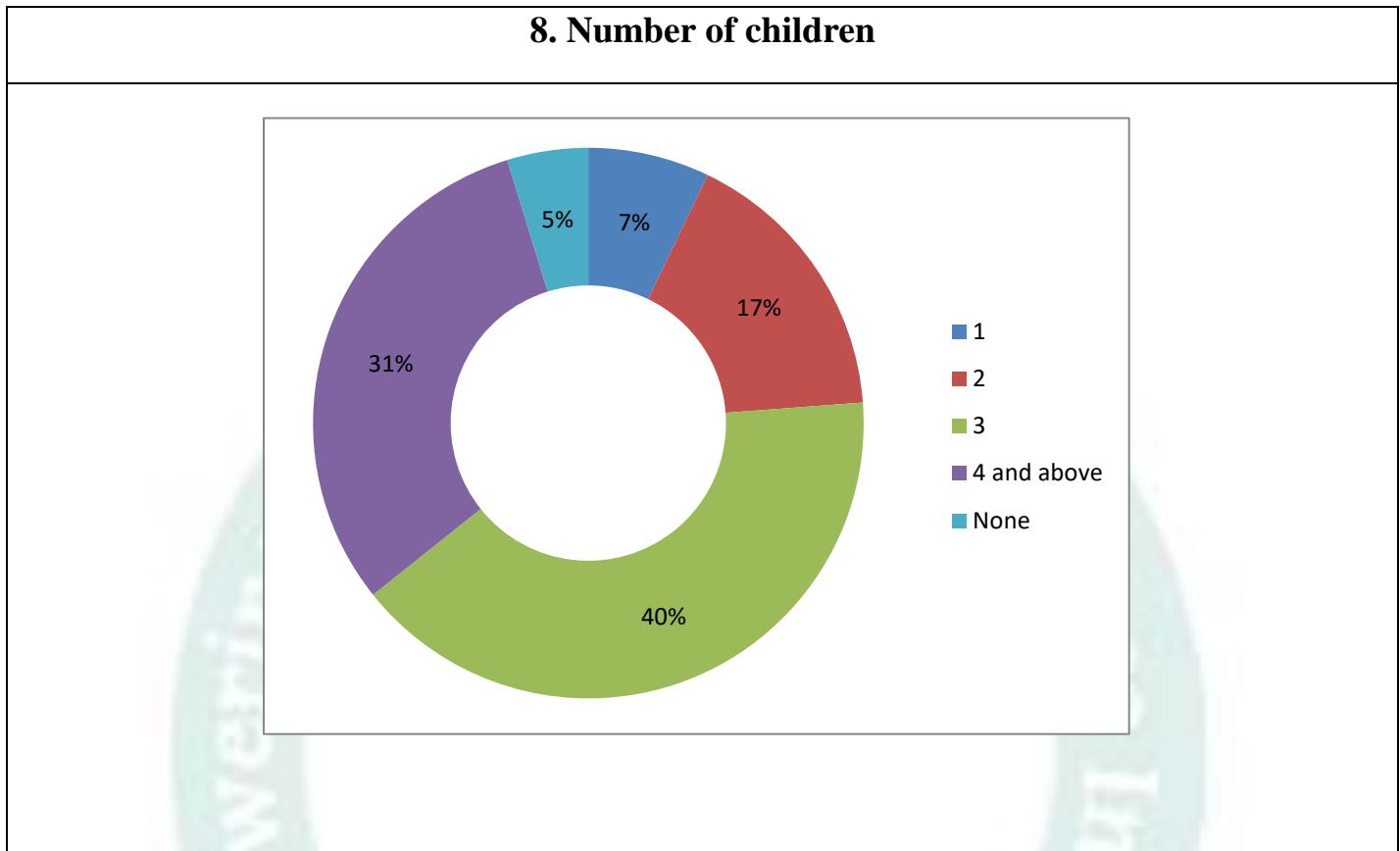


Chart 7, it shows that a good percentage of 60% feed twice daily, 26% feed three times daily and 14% feed once a day.

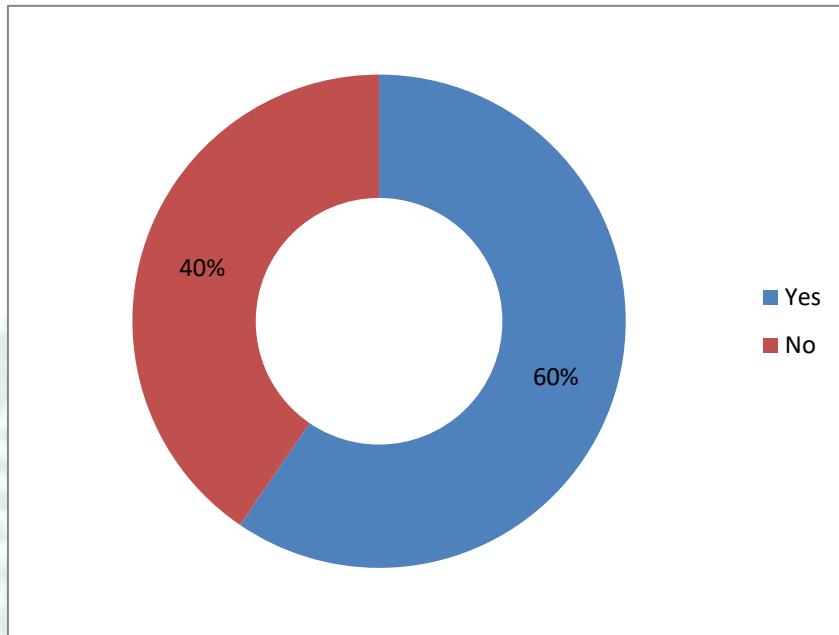
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The figures in the above chart (8) depict the highest percentage of 40% fall in the category having 3 children; 31% fall under the category of 4 children and above, 17% have 2 children and the lowest percentages registered are 7% and 5% who have 1 and no child at all, respectively.

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8. Are your children in school?



In chart 8, the figures depict 60% of respondents have their children enrolled in school and 40% are not enrolled in school.

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Conclusion

An article on Vanguard states that '[Over 91 million Nigerians are now living in extreme poverty](#)' according to World Poverty Clock, a Vienna, Austria-based data lab. The report said at least three million Nigerians have slipped into extreme poverty between November 2018 and February 2019. The report also states that 91.16 million Nigerians were living below a dollar a day.

The scourge of poverty goes beyond mere measurements of a household's expenditure or welfare.

Poverty has many dimensions and may include inadequate access to government utilities and services, environmental issues, poor infrastructure, illiteracy and ignorance, poor health, insecurity, social and political exclusion. General patterns of poverty indicate that there are declines in basic social infrastructure due to the burden of rural-urban migration and rapid population growth.

Poverty has different manifestations and has effects on school enrolment, access to primary health care and contributes to the growth of unsanitary urban slums. This results in high level of mortality rates and poor economic productivity of households. In rural areas, poverty manifests itself in the agricultural sector and food security. Like urban areas, social services are lacking.

For any meaningful economic growth and poverty reduction, there is the need to enhance and improve access to social services, including health and education. Expanding economic opportunities for the poor boosts social welfare as well as political empowerment.

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Recommendations

1. Education: There is a dire need to support the education of every child by giving equal access to education to both female and male children. At EWEI, our [Educational Subsidy Programme \(ESP\)](#) helps to contribute to higher enrolment, retention and completion rates for girls in secondary schools. The programme supports young girls from Junior Secondary level to O'Levels.
2. Promote Entrepreneurship: Support entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. This can be done by providing loans, financial management training and skill development training. EWEI achieves this through the [Economic Empowerment Partnerships \(EEP\)](#). This project provides capacity building and zero interest micro-credit loans to support their already existing businesses or start new enterprises.
3. Skills Development: Artisans and technical training taught in schools from an early age is a good way to expose young people to the idea of entrepreneurship. EWEI supports training in hard and soft skills through her [Empowerment Seminars \(ES\)](#).
4. Mentoring Youth: There is need for mentoring of the younger generation to guide their actions and for all those that need some form of guidance. [EWEI Online \(EO\)](#) provides mentoring and networking support to beneficiaries by professional women from across the world.