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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

**FSP:** Family Support Program.

**NALDA:** National Agricultural Land Development Agency.

**GR:** The Green Revolution

**UN:** United Nations

**REP:** Rural Employment Program

**NDE:** National Directorate of Employment

**NAPEP:** National Poverty Eradication Program

**UPE:** Universal Primary Education

**OFN:** Operation Feed the Nation

**NDFRI:** National Directorate for Food, Road and Rural Infrastructure

**BLP:** Better LIFE Program

**CCT:** Conditional Cash Transfer

**MDGs:** Millennium Development Goals

**NGO:** Non-governmental organizations

**SDGs:** Sustainable Development Goal

**CSICS:** Community and Small Scale Industries Credit Scheme

## ABSTRACT

Entrepreneurship's contribution to economic growth and social progress has long been acknowledged. Aside from Nigeria, numerous countries in the world are regularly working towards achieving progress and development. Hence, this study examined social entrepreneurship and poverty alleviation for sustainable development in Nigeria. The research work focused primarily on championing economic, social and environmental upliftment, and making better the quality of people's lives. No amount of emphasis can be placed on the difficulties that social entrepreneurship faces or the impact it has on reducing poverty for sustainable development. In order to achieve the objectives of the study, three hypotheses were formulated from the research questions raised to guide the study. Progressive Social Theory and Individual Deficiency Theory were used to explain the issues raised in the research question. The purposive sampling technique was employed in this study. Three hundred copies of structured questionnaire were administered to selected cooperative Society, non-governmental organizations and microfinance bank of which 262 copies were retrieved and used for the analysis. Structural and measurement models were utilized for data analysis, PLS-SEM was used to analyze the path of the distribution. Bootstrapping was used to determine the significance level. The results from the test of hypotheses showed that; Social innovation influenced Self-employment drive ( $r= 0.310$   $R^2=0.096$ ,  $p= 0.000 <0.05$ ); Social value has a significantly and positively influence self-reliance ( $r= 0.470$   $R^2=0.221$ ,  $p= 0.000 <0.05$ ) and social impact has a significant, positive and strong impact on productivity ( $r= 0.696$   $R^2= 0.484$   $p=0.000 <0.05$ ). It was recommended that non-governmental organizations, cooperative society, microfinance banks, and other social entrepreneurs focus on optimising social impact and ensuring that people get empowered to reduce poverty and economic hardship of vulnerable individuals.

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