

Editorial

Welcome to our Zimbabwe Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (Volume 2 Issue 2, 2017) Special Issue on the nexus between poverty and gender. The issue has come out late due to unavoidable hitches in the publication process. We apologise for the delay.

The special issue contains 5 articles. The first article by Bernard Chazovachii, Mathew Nyashanu, Gerald Guta and Maxwell Chuma interrogates the role of human capital as a gender based violence reduction strategy in Mwenezi District in Zimbabwe. The authors conclude that human capital plays a significant role in reducing gender based violence.

The next article by Ellen Zvobgo, Tembelani Moyo and Cowen Dziva explores child marriage survivors' perceptions of the causes and consequences of child marriages. The authors present a number of perceived causes which include poverty and religious practices. Child marriages are perceived as having detrimental effects on the child marriage survivors. The effects include dropping out of school, negative health effects and exposure to domestic violence.

Remigious Vurayayi Mangizvo examines challenges faced by women selling fruits and vegetables at Bomba along Kwekwe-Gokwe highway in Zimbabwe. Mangizvo reveals a host of challenges experienced by the women. The challenges include exposure to robbers, exposure to HIV and AIDs, working long hours and lack of funding.

Jeofrey Mutemeri and Emmanuel Maziti investigate the sources of conflict between mother in law and daughter in law. The study reveals a number of causes of the conflict which include management of finances and witchcraft.

The last article by Paidamwoyo Mukumbiri discusses the trends in the distribution of matrimonial property in Zimbabwe. Mukumbiri observes an unfair distribution of matrimonial property and concludes that the unfair distribution leads to feminisation of poverty.



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