

A Contemporary View of Poverty Alleviation in an Emerging Economy (A proponent of Stomach Infrastructure Ideology Adopting Triple Bottom Line Synergy in Nigeria)

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Abstract

Institutions worldwide be it public and private always strive to embrace sustainability and good management ideologies for continue growth, relevance and progress. Though different ideologies have both the positive and negative effect on the standard of measurement of performance. Triple Bottom Line ideology with core fulcrum of stomach infrastructure has been around for some time but different terms where use to elicit there features. In this paper we project the TBL ideology in relation to stomach infrastructures with emphasis on developing countries using Nigeria as an example. Some of the challenges and generalists views were discussed using adequate references. This paper aims to critically evaluate the importance of Triple Bottom Line ideology (Financial, Social and Environmental) and awareness on the part of researchers' academicians, policy stakeholders in government and private institutions on the important role ideologies place in sustainability and management of organizations. It surveys the TBL idea, clarifies how it can be helpful to organizations, arrangement creators and financial advancement experts as well as highlighting some contemporary illustrations of putting the TBL into practice dictating the stomach infrastructure ideology.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The management of different organizations worldwide has been viewed in different perspective in relation to their sustainability over the past decades necessitating propagation of different theories and system for development. John Elkington in his critical evaluation and contribution to sustainability of management performance in corporate America in mid -1990s introduce the Triple bottom Line strategy which is a three dimensional measurement of implementation: Social, Environment and Financial related concept. The concept is a critical tool for survival objectives with marked enthusiasm across board. The TBL notion is regularly referred to as the three Ps: People, Planet and Profits with an encompassing synergy for supportability and progress.

Triple Bottom Line has become relevant directly and indirectly in our daily objective assessment of institutions but does not have a typical unit of measurement. However, The TBL "catches the substance of supportability by measuring the effect of an association's exercises on the world ... counting both its gainfulness and shareholder values and its social, human and natural capital." According to Andrew Savitz The trap isn't characterizing TBL. The trap is measuring it. It will be fundamental if a single unit of measuring all the component of TBL can be deduce this will enhance its data openness and quantitative variability. Based on its uniqueness, this concept has generated a lot of conflicting views from generalists who have "doubted the techniques for discovery the right cost for lost everglade or imperiled notation to formulation of modification of the structure in order to have numerical connotation with drawback of the methodology on one option in aspect of multiplication of measurements that may be related to measuring maintainability."

Stomach Infrastructure which is a core ideology of Triple Bottom Line has been defined in different terms and ways by different institutions (government, political parties, associations and philanthropies etc) and implemented as such. Some government and organisations have incorporated this ideology for survival and sustainability by designing programs that will enhance patronage and reliance by taking care of the basic needs of their members and followers in order to curry favor on the other hand thereby maintaining their relevance. In Nigeria for example the ideology of stomach infrastructure was understood and implemented by prominent political leaders, military rulers and elders decades ago namely Chief Olusola Saraki, Alhaji Lamidi Adedibu, prominent northern and eastern elders who address the immediate need of the people directly without undue bureaucracy. However stomach infrastructure has both positive and negative effect.

2. SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability has been a regularly specified objective of organizations, philanthropies and governments in the previous decade, yet measuring the extent to which an organization/individual is feasible or seeking after manageable development can be troublesome.

John Elkington strove to quantify Sustainability in the mid-1990s by enveloping another system to gauge implementation in terms of managerial performance in corporate America This strategy, called the triple bottom line (TBL), went past the conventional measures of benefits, rate of return, and shareholder worth to incorporate ecological and social measurements. By concentrating on a thorough venture results, that is, as, for execution along the interrelated measurements of benefits, individuals, and the planet, triple bottom line reporting can be a critical apparatus to help survival objectives. Enthusiasm for triple bottom line responsibility has been becoming crosswise over revenue has driven, charitable and government segments. Numerous organizations and charitable associations have embraced the TBL strategy to assess their execution, and a comparative methodology has picked up money with governments at the elected, state and neighborhood levels.

3. THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE (WORKING DEFINITION)

The TBL is an accounting paradigm that joins three measurements of implementation: social, environmental and financial related. It varies from conventional reporting systems as it incorporates environmentally (or natural) and social measures that can be hard to relegate proper method for estimation. The TBL assessment notion is regularly called the three Ps: people, planet, and profits. We will allude to these as the 3Ps.

Pre-empting the ideal of supportability is as well as conceiving the synergy of TBL. It entails the grappling with measures of, and structures for sustainability. Scholarly activities have marginally sorted out around manageability thus have increased throughputs retrospectively in the most recent 30 years. Individuals inside and outside the educated community who have mulled over and rehearsed sustainability would concur with the general meaning of TBL. The TBL "catches the substance of supportability by measuring the effect of an association's exercises on the world ... counting both its gainfulness and shareholder values and its social, human and natural capital." According to Andrew Savitz, the trap isn't characterizing TBL. The trap is measuring it.

3.1 Ascertaining the TBL

The 3Ps do not have a typical unit of measure. Profits could be presented in dollars for a global standard. What is social capital measured in? Shouldn't we think about natural or biological wellbeing? Discovering a typical unit of estimation is one test.

Some supporter is adapting all the measurements of the TBL, including social welfare or ecological harm. It would have the profit of having a common unit of different views into putting a dollar respect on wetlands or endangered species on totally philosophical grounds. Others doubt the technique for discovering the right cost for lost wetlands or jeopardized specimens

3.2 Some Generalists' Views

Notably, the measurements of the TBL to include social welfare, or natural harm take a shape approach while that would have the profit of having a typical unit. Numerous items to putting a dollar esteem on marsh or imperiled species on entirely philosophical grounds. Others doubt the technique for discovering the right cost for lost everglade or imperiled notation.

An alternative arrangement would be to ascertain the TBL regarding a file. Along these lines, one opposite unit issue could contract others. The length that exists inside and out recognized accounting system. Also, considers examinations between components, for instance, differentiating implementation between associations, urban territories, change endeavors or some other benchmark.

An instance, which analyzes a region versus the country's execution for an assortment of segments could be seen as an Innovation Index. There stays some subjectivity when utilizing a file, on the other hand. Purportedly, how is the list parts weighted? Would every "P" get equivalent weighting? Should, not something be said about the sub-segments inside every "P"? Does each one get equivalent weighting? Is the individuals' classification more imperative than the planet? Who chooses?

An option would get rid of measuring maintainability utilizing dollars or utilizing an innovative index. On the off chance that the advocate of the TBL had the stomach for it, every supportability measure would remain solitary. It would be a measure, for instance, and advancement-gagging taking into account wetland creation, pulverization or the present state of affairs over the long run. The drawback to this methodology is the multiplication of measurements that may be related to measuring maintainability. The TBL client may get metric exhaustion.

There are means of facing the challenges with ascertaining the TBL; the thoughtfulness regarding potential measurements for consideration in a TBL figuring aptly with the ideology of stomach infrastructure. Emulating that, we will examine how organizations and different elements have connected the TBL structure.

3.3 The indices that make the TBL

The computation of TBL does not attract a widespread standard logic. The level of the element, sort of task and the geographic degree will drive a large number of the choices about what indices to input. Nor is there a largely recognized standard for the measures that encapsulate each of the three TBL characterizations. It can be seen as a quality in light of the way that it allows a part to change the general structure. Notably, the needs of an organized portions (affiliations or not-for-benefits), various trials or systems (establishing approaches or illuminating activities), or novel geographic limits (a city, area or country).

Both business and neighborhood government may engage in common sustainability strategy. With a similar probability even in the same terms, without diminishing the measure of hearty waste. It goes into landfills, yet a close-by mass travel may evaluate accomplishing scenarios that the extent that explorer miles during an income driven transport gathering would determine achievement as appropriate. The TBL can suit these qualifications. Likewise, the TBL has the limit (or undertaking) specific or grant a wide degree measuring impacts transversely over considerable geographic cutoff points or a limited geographic expansion as a neighborhood within a complex spatial index. A case (or errand) specific TBL would evaluate the effects of a particular stretch out in a specific zone, for instance, a gathering collecting a diversion focus.

The TBL can similarly apply to structure wanders at the state level or essentialness approach at the national level. The level of the substance, sort of undertaking and the geographic augmentation will drive an expansive number of the decisions about what measures to join. That said, the set of measures will inevitably be directed by stakeholders and subject authorities and the ability to accumulate the crucial data. While there is tremendous composition on the correct measures to use for sustainability at the state or national levels, finally, data openness will drive the TBL tallies.

A critical number of the standard of manageability measures that are verifiable academically are:

Economic dealings

Financial variables should be variables that arrangement with what matters and the stream of cash. It could take a gander at pay or uses, charges, business atmosphere variables, occupation, and business differences elements. Particular samples include:

- Personal wage
- Cost of underemployment
- Establishment beat
- Establishment sizes
- Job development
- Employment dissemination by segment
- Percentage of firms in every area
- Revenue by area adding to climaxing value

Environmental Actions

Ecological variables ought to speak to estimations of regular assets and reflect potential impacts to its feasibility. It could join air and water quality, vitality utilization, regular assets, robust and poisonous waste, and area utilization/area spread. Preferably, having long-range patterns accessible for each of the natural variables would help associations distinguish the effects a venture or strategy would have on the zone. Particular illustrations include:

- Sulfur dioxide focus
- Concentration of nitrogen oxides
- Selected need poisons
- Excessive supplements
- Electricity utilization
- Fossil fuel utilization
- Solid waste administration
- Hazardous waste administration
- Change in area and utility values

Social Actions

Social variables allude to social measurements of a group or district and could incorporate estimations of training, value and access to social assets, wellbeing and prosperity, personal satisfaction, and social capital. The samples recorded beneath are a few potential variables:

- Unemployment rate
- Female work power cooperation rate
- Median family unit pay
- Relative destitution
- Percentage of populace with a post-optional degree or endorsement
- Average drive time
- Violent wrongdoings every capita
- Health driven life expectancy

Information on a vast share of these measures are accumulated at the state and national levels, however then again are available at the adjacent or gathering level. Various are fitting a gathering to use when building a TBL. In any case, as the geographic expansion and the method for the assignment get, the set of fitting measures can change. For close-by or gathering based exercises, the TBL measures of accomplishment are best chosen commonly.

There is a couple of relative procedures to secure stakeholder investment. It enters the TBL structure: developing a decision system to solidify open slant. It undertakes an orchestrating and decision-making, using a "story design" to demand shareholder support. It thoroughly undertook evaluation, and had stakeholders' rank and measure parts of a reasonability framework according to gathering needs. For example, a gathering may consider a crucial measure of achievement for an entrepreneurial change framework to be the amount of woman had associations organized over a five-year period. Inevitably, it will be the affiliation's commitment to convey a last set of measures material to the current workload.

4. MIXED BAGS OF THE TBL CAPACITY

The relevance of the TBL by associations, philanthropies and governments are impelled by the models of financial, environmental and social manageability, yet fluctuate on impact as on the three classes of results. Protectors who have made and associated practicality of the strategy leaning on the TBL experienced. It could depict various troubles, mainly on how to make a rundown that is both careful and imperative and how to perceive suitable data for the variables that make the document.

The Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI), for a case, embodies 25 variables that encompass monetary, social and common components. Those variables are changed over into cash related units and summed into alone, dollar-named measure. Minnesota developed its progression pointer incorporated 42 variables that focused on the destinations of a robust economy and gaged propel in finishing these goals. There is a sweeping variety of composing on consolidated examination and viability designates that created of the controls that measure an environmental impact. These are not urged by strict financial theory for measuring changes in social welfare. Researchers in biological plan argue that the three orders monetary, social and regular need to be facilitated. It is needful to see the complete picture of the results that a regulation, approach or money related progression undertaking may have and to assessment criteria on decisions and tradeoffs.

4.1 The users of TBL

Organizations of different sizes and objectives, associations, foundations and government components alike can all make use of the opportunities available within the arrangement of TBL. In other words, businesses, charities (or other nonprofits organizations), statutory organizations and the likes are all privy to the benefits.

4.1.1 Businesses

The TBL and its core worth of sustainability became compelling within the business world owing to accumulating anecdotal proof of larger long profit. For instance, reducing waste from packaging may also cut back prices. Among the corporations that are exemplars of those approaches are General Electric, Unilever, Proctor and Gamble, 3M and Cascade Engineering.

Although these corporations do not have an index- primarily based TBL, one will see however they measure sustainability using the TBL construct. Cascade Engineering, for instance, a personal firm that does not have to file the elaborated pecuniary work of public corporations, has known the subsequent variables for their TBL deliverables:

Economic

- Amount of taxes after assessments

Social

- Average hours allow towards CPD
- From welfare to vocation maintenance
- Charitable commitments

Environmental/Safety

- Safety occurrence rate
- Lost/limited workday rate
- Sales versus energy dissipated
- Greenhouse gas discharges o Use of post customer
- Modern reused material
- Water utilization

4.1.2 Non-profits

Numerous philanthropic associations have embraced the TBL, and some have cooperated with private firms to address wide manageability issues that influence shared stakeholders in general and specifically with a major interest at heart like Stomach Infrastructure. Organizations perceive that adjusting to philanthropic ideas bodied well, especially for those charitable objectives of financial success, social prosperity, and ecological assurance. For instance, the Ford Foundation has subsidized studies that utilized varieties of the TBL to quantify the impacts of projects to expand riches in many bucolic districts over the United States. Strikingly, some social and microfinance organizations, remarkably concentrates on how their objectives enhance every one of the three classes of the TBL. Some of them take unique methodology to the TBL idea, one can perceive how the TBL can be customized to almost any organization.

Their methodology incorporates the accompanying to express Economical, Environmental and Sociological:

- **Food and Agriculture:** Investigate new financial models to provide sustainable values while raising open attention to the estimation of natural and biodynamic cultivating.
- **Ecological Stewardship:** Provide subsidizing to associations and ventures to supporting, recovering and safeguarding the world's environments, particularly coordinated, frameworks based and socially important methodologies.
- **Education and the Arts:** Fund training and expressions ventures that are all-encompassing attributes

4.1.3 Government

State, provincial and neighborhood governments are progressively embracing the TBL and practically equivalent to sustainability appraisal systems as choice making and implementation observing instruments. Some of the States are Lagos, Oyo, Edo, Ekiti, and Northern States on the Alimagiris' tasks and the preferences. On the other hand, their calculations are scholastically not clear either in leading practical examination in their utilization of TBL or a comparative portability system.

In the worldwide north, policy makers and managers (approach creators) in their innovativeness, TBL has been widely employed in manageability, evaluation structures of choice. It includes the activities they ought to or ought, not to take to make society more sustainable. Approach creators need to know the circumstances and end results relationship between activities and arrangements whether the outcomes move society to or far from sustainability. The State of Maryland, for instance, utilizes a mixed GPI-TBL system to look at activities, for instance, putting resources into clean vitality against the weight of "doing nothing" or against other approach alternatives.

The European Union (EU) uses incorporated appraisal to recognize the value of TBL. It entails the "reasonable positive and negative effects of proposed strategy activities. It empowers an educated political judgment to be made about the proposition and distinguish an exchange offs in attaining to contending objectives. The EU rules have themselves been the subject of high criticism and have experienced a few rounds of improvement. The methodology of cleansing the rules to show both the straightforwardness of the procedure and the EU duty to coordinated evaluation.

5. REGIONAL ECONOMIC VALUE OF TBL IN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (STOMACH INFRASTRUCTURE)

Groups to empower financial advancement development in a reasonable way can utilize the idea of TBL locally. It obliges an expanded level of collaboration among organizations, philanthropic associations, governments and nationals of the area. The accompanying illustrations all through the United States show different ways the TBL idea can be utilized to develop a locale's financial base in a practical way.

5.1 Contextual Exemplars of Nigeria and Oyo State's Amala politic of Late Chief Lamidi Adedibu with comparative analysis of Cleveland, Ohio and Grand Rapids, Michigan

5.1.1 Oyeyemi's View on Amala Politic of Late Chief Lamidi Adedibu (Adedibuism)

In Oyo state politics which date back to the 1950s with the active participation of Late Chief Lamidi Adedibu the role of Amala Politics canning so far as Adedibuism is concerned, "selfless selfishness" (not the same as "enlightened self interest") is the name of the game. Adedibuism is about catering to the most basic instinct of the ordinary people - which is to convince them that they may be poor but they are very important. Adedibuism is about open door policy that grants unlimited accessibility to the neediest, the wretched and the poorest as well as the rich, the influential, and the distinguished. It is about creating somebody out of nobody and convincing others that "if you follow me and you are loyal, your own turn could be around the corner." It is about "political godfatherism" of a different genre, where the godfather gets rewarded to use his clout to create grassroots support for ambitious candidates and negotiate position for hardworking supporters. Adedibuism's concept of godfatherism does not seek to finance the ambition of anyone. It is the ambitious, usually rich and distinguished, who finance the godfather to further their own ambition.

Adedibuism does not offer any vision of what the society should or ought to be. But it helps to give vent to the desire of his people to be politically relevant. Adedibuism puts premium on the person of Adedibu on being a serious factor in determining who holds power and by extension make his (investors) office seekers, and (shareholders) followers and supporters a factor. Adedibuism practices generosity and open door policy not just during the civilian era, it does it during military regimes too when things usually "are tighter." Adedibuism puts premium on rendering material and/or monetary support to private individuals and families, rich or poor, without any solicitation during burials, marriages or other important ceremonies.

Adedibuism puts premium on not sitting "selfishly" on "investors' money" but rather on ensuring that every ward and notable field men get their fair share. Adedibuism has no use for religious fundamentalism, but engenders fairness to all religious groups -Traditionalists, Muslims and Christians among others - in the way and manner appointments are influenced. Different of data measurements of the effective of similarities to TBL where used to achieve the objects

The operational tenets of Chief Adedibu's leadership philosophy could be encapsulated in the following six Maxwellian concepts:

- i. People like to feel special, so he always sincerely compliment them
- ii. People want a better tomorrow, he has a way to show them hope
- iii. People desire direction, so he dexterously navigates for them
- iv. People are selfish, he first speak to their needs and map out means to accomplish them
- v. People get low emotionally, he finds ways to continuously encourage them
- vi. People want success, so he always help them to win

Chief Adedibu's capacity to show compassion to the needy and empathy to the ambitious, despite his reputation for toughness and confrontation if need be is his greatest asset. His practice that no one would step into his compound and leave with an empty stomach is impregnated with meanings - NO MATTER YOUR STATUS IN LIFE, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE. Despite the ability of Chief Adedibu to recognize the above concepts, he still demonstrates the ingenuity to treat people as individuals. The ingenuity to look at each person, understand him or her and connect, is one of his gifts. This ability to "treat people differently, not all the same as one another" is what John C. Maxwell characterized in his book as "the soft factor in leadership." Further stressing the importance of compassion as a factor in leadership, John C. Maxwell wrote inter alia:

"People respect a leader who keeps their interests in mind. If your focus is on what you can put into people rather than what you can get out of them, they'll love and respect you...."

In the same tone Woodrow Wilson the 28th President of U.S wrote in his " The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people."

5.2 Grand Rapids, Michigan

In 2005, the Grand Rapids district made the country's first "Group Sustainability Partnership" to build up a guide to lead Grand Rapids to sustainability. The district utilizes fourteen noteworthy markers identified with the locale's personal satisfaction and ecological variables to focus progress made towards maintainability. As opposed to making a file, target objectives were created for every marker. More definite data of the measurements utilized for every pointer can be found in their TBL report.

5.3 Nigerians' current move for stomach infrastructure

In Nigeria the various arms of government are beginning to embrace stomach infrastructure directly or indirectly through various programs by the federal, state or local governments in order to crave relevance and also to deliver the "dividend of democracy". Stomach infrastructure is been projected as a political tool for re-election and governance, it is also now been used as a measure of the care of the political public office holder for the electorate in view of the fact that specified duration of time of office. Ekiti state is a classical example of the people's power and will to embrace the concept of stomach infrastructure in which a serving government was shown the door despite investing in infrastructure and other governance policy without taking into consideration the aspiration of the people at grassroot.

5.4 Cleveland, Ohio

In 2009, the Mayor of Cleveland met the Sustainable Cleveland 2019 (SC2019) Summit to unite many individuals keen on applying the standards of maintainability to the outline of the neighborhood economy. The SC2019 is a 10-year activity to make a feasible economy in Cleveland by concentrating on a TBL-like idea. The city utilizes four key regions for measuring sustainability: the individual and social environment, the indigenous habitat, the manufactured environment (e.g., foundation and urban development designs) and the business environment. Each one key range has six objectives. Presently, particular estimation pointers have not been completely grown; regardless, the city is looking to make a control panel that could be joined to make a record of general task achievement. This console would take into consideration fast year-to-year evaluation in the SC2019 progress.

Some of the variables used in both exemplars were:

- **Environmental Quality**

- Waste inclines in reusing, reject and yard waste
- Energy: vitality utilization, regular gas utilization, and options fuel use
- Water: water utilization
- Air Quality: lethal discharge
- Stock and number of air contamination ozone activity days
- Built Environment: number of LEED enrolled and affirmed undertakings
- Land Use and Natural Habitat: stock of an area utilizes and backwoods overhang
- Transportation: open transportation ridership

- **Economic Affluence**

- Personal Income: individual pay every capita
- Unemployment: an unemployment rate
- Redevelopment, Reinvestment and Jobs: results from Brownfield redevelopment venture and employment creation
- Knowledge Competitiveness: outsider report positioning U.S. areas

- **Social Capital and Equity**

- Safety and Security: wrongdoing measurements
- Educational Attainment: degree accomplishment levels
- Health and Wellness: baby death rate and blood lead levels patterns
- Quality of Life: home proprietorship, destitution, and diminished value and free snacks patterns
- Community Capital: 211 calls for support, voter cooperation and populace and ethical acceptability

6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Triple Bottom Line idea proposed by John Elkington has changed the way businesses are conducted; organizations, not-for-profits, and governments' measure sustainability in general and survival proponent of the citizenry specifically. The maintainability and the implementation of ventures or arrangements as well follow a new shift. Historically, establishments seemed to have engaged with measuring sustainability on three fronts—individuals, worldwide and benefits the adaptability of the TBL permits organizations to apply the idea in a way suitable to their particular needs. There are difficulties in putting the TBL into practice particularly inside the amassing of 'stomach base infrastructural mind'.

These difficulties incorporate measuring each of the three classifications, discovering material information and ascertaining a task or approach's commitment to sustainability/survival (maintainability). These difficulties aside, the TBL ideology permits individuals/associations to assess the consequences of their choices from a long-run viewpoint. Then again, a more stringent stick to procurements in figure 1, in policies assessment will help to assuage any issues and facilitate the move of effecting in this light. Likewise an adapted Triple Bottom Line Synergy in figure 2, illustrate the ideology in relation to Nigeria. In view of the emerging adaptation of the Triple Bottom Line ideology in conjunction with stomach infrastructure a need for further research on the ideology and its implementation with positive effect is necessary

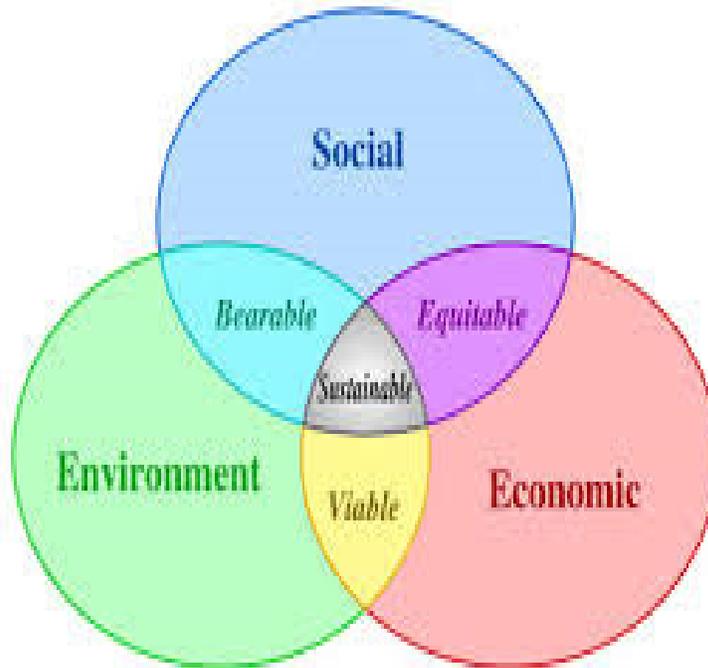


Figure 1: An Approach to Triple Bottom Line Sustainability (Stomach Infrastructure) Source: Adapted from (Journal of Economic Issues 16

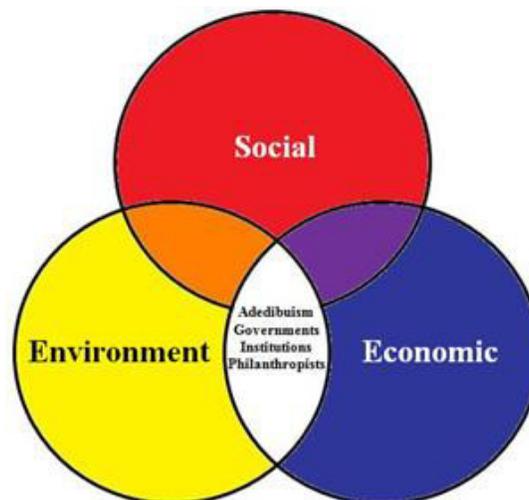


Figure 2: Adapted Triple Bottom Line Synergy in Nigeria

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