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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The study assessed the relationship between government anti-poverty intervention programs (Youth empowerment scheme and conditional cash transfer) and poverty alleviation in Niger state-Nigeria. The topic is important, but there is a lack of novelty of the study in current version. Some comments are given as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The potential contribution of the study should be clearly outlined in the manuscript.</li> <li>2. Besides a summary of the literature, some comments should be added.</li> <li>3. There are several other methods could be applied to investigate the relationship between government anti-poverty intervention programs and poverty alleviation, which one is better and why PLS path modelling is selected in the study should be explained more specifically.</li> <li>4. The description of the underpinning theory is too simple. Such an introduction of the theory could not help readers have more insight about this topic.</li> <li>5. More importantly, the findings reveals the significant relationship between government anti-poverty intervention programs and poverty alleviation, but how it works? At least some analysis of the mechanism should be given. Also, two kinds of programs, youth empowerment scheme and conditional cash transfer are considered in the study, which one is more effective and why? I could not find such comparison in the paper.</li> </ol>	<p>1, See section 6 is been highlighted The study will provide more understanding of the relationship (youth empowerment and conditional cash transfer) and poverty alleviation in Niger state Nigeria. In a practical sense, the findings of this study will help government and relevant agencies like NGOs, in making policies related to poverty alleviation in Nigeria. In the same vein, policymakers will find the outcomes of this study very relevant to their policy and decision-making in the area of poverty alleviation in Niger state and beyond.</p> <p>2, See section 2.1 a paragraph was highlighted Poverty is also defined as a condition of deprivation which might be in form of physical weakness, social inferiority, vulnerability, humiliation, isolation, and powerlessness (Ogwumike, 2001; Odusola, 2001). It is not only being able to afford education, not knowing how to read and write, not having employment, fear of the future, powerlessness, lack of freedom and representation. Poverty is the lack of income and resources sufficient to ensure the sustainable standard of living. When people standard of living falls below the poverty line that is the amount of income or consumption needed to meet the acceptable level of nutrition and other basic necessities of everyday's life they are therefore said to be poor (World Bank, 1992).</p> <p>3, See section 4 highlighted The urban-biased theory was trying to justify the level of government concentration on developmental projects in the urban centers while neglecting the rural areas, which has contributed tremendously to the level of high rate of poverty in the rural areas which encourage rural and urban migration. Similarly, it also encourages government to come up with poverty related programs in order to fight the scourge of poverty in the society.</p> <p>4, See section 3.0 highlighted Previous literatures have recommends the use of PLS-SEM because of its uniqueness on issues relating to attitude, attribute, feelings, and opinions. This is in line with the fundamental statement of various scholars (Wong, 2010; Bacon, 2010; Hair, 2014). When it comes to investigating the causes and effect relationship between different variables such as Social Safety Net Programs and Poverty alleviation PLS-SEM is more appropriate.</p> <p>5, See section 5 highlighted The structural model evaluation is important for the model predictive ability. The study compares the two anti-alleviation intervention programs (Youth empowerment &amp; Conditional Cash Transfer) in order to examine their impact on poverty alleviation. The results of the analysis are clearly presented in Table 4 below. Therefore the result in Table 4 shows that there is a positive significant relationship between conditional cash transfer and poverty alleviation whereby: (<math>\beta=.220</math>, <math>SE=.046</math>, <math>t = 4.835</math>, <math>p = 0.000</math>) and The statistical result in Table 4 also shown that there is a positive significant relationship between conditional cash transfer and poverty alleviation where: (<math>\beta=.392</math>, <math>SE=.045</math>, <math>t =8.616</math>, <math>p = 0.000</math>). Based on the statistical results all the two intervention programs have equal impacts as the T value is within the threshold of 0.5 and above.</p>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
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**PART 2:**

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