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**Research Topic:** The contributions of Rural Livelihood Diversification towards Household Income-poverty Alleviation

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### Research Background/Summary:

Agriculture, the main source of livelihood in developing countries including South Africa, is plagued with various problems. Consequently, most of the rural households are poor and begin

to diversify their livelihoods into off and non-farm activities as a relevant source of income and food security. This study seeks to ascertain the extent to which rural livelihood diversification as a renowned livelihood strategy contribute towards alleviation of socio-economic challenges striking households, encapsulating income-poverty, food insecurity and unemployment. Furthermore, the study reveals manifold push and pull factors which persuade households to adopt livelihood diversification for improving their living standard. Succinctly, the level of decline in household agricultural productivity stimulate the adoption of livelihood diversification as optimum in Madumeleng Village as a study area.

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