

## Finding out the potential of Nusa Tenggara Timur in poverty alleviation: the effect of local government's policies / Erlina Matondang

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### Abstrak

#### <b>ABSTRACT</b><br>

Poverty issue in East Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) has happened for years. Some efforts have been done, but there is no significant impact yet. Poverty issue in NTT is being the concern of Indonesia's government not only because of the high number of poverty, but also the location, which is in the border territory of Indonesia-Timor Leste. Actually, whether we realize it or not, NTT has a great potential for the problem caused by its dry soil and some social issues in its society. Some of those potential is able to be seen in five local economic sectors, i.e. demography, forestry, farming and animal husbandry, trading, and tourism. This article is written to explain how big the potential of NTT is and how to manage it in order to alleviate poverty. The approach used in this article is qualitative approach with literature review as well as data collecting method. There is no special method used in analyzing this article; it just utilizes objective analysis based on current data, situation, and condition. Based on the analysis, there are a lot of potentials in NTT, but they are yet to be developed well, whereas people are stuck in the current situation, so there is no significant achievement in poverty alleviation efforts. Potential utilization can be optimally taken through strategic, effective, and efficient efforts supported by the government, both nationally and locally, and NTT society. Through potential optimization, the poverty rate in NTT should be able to be pushed down.