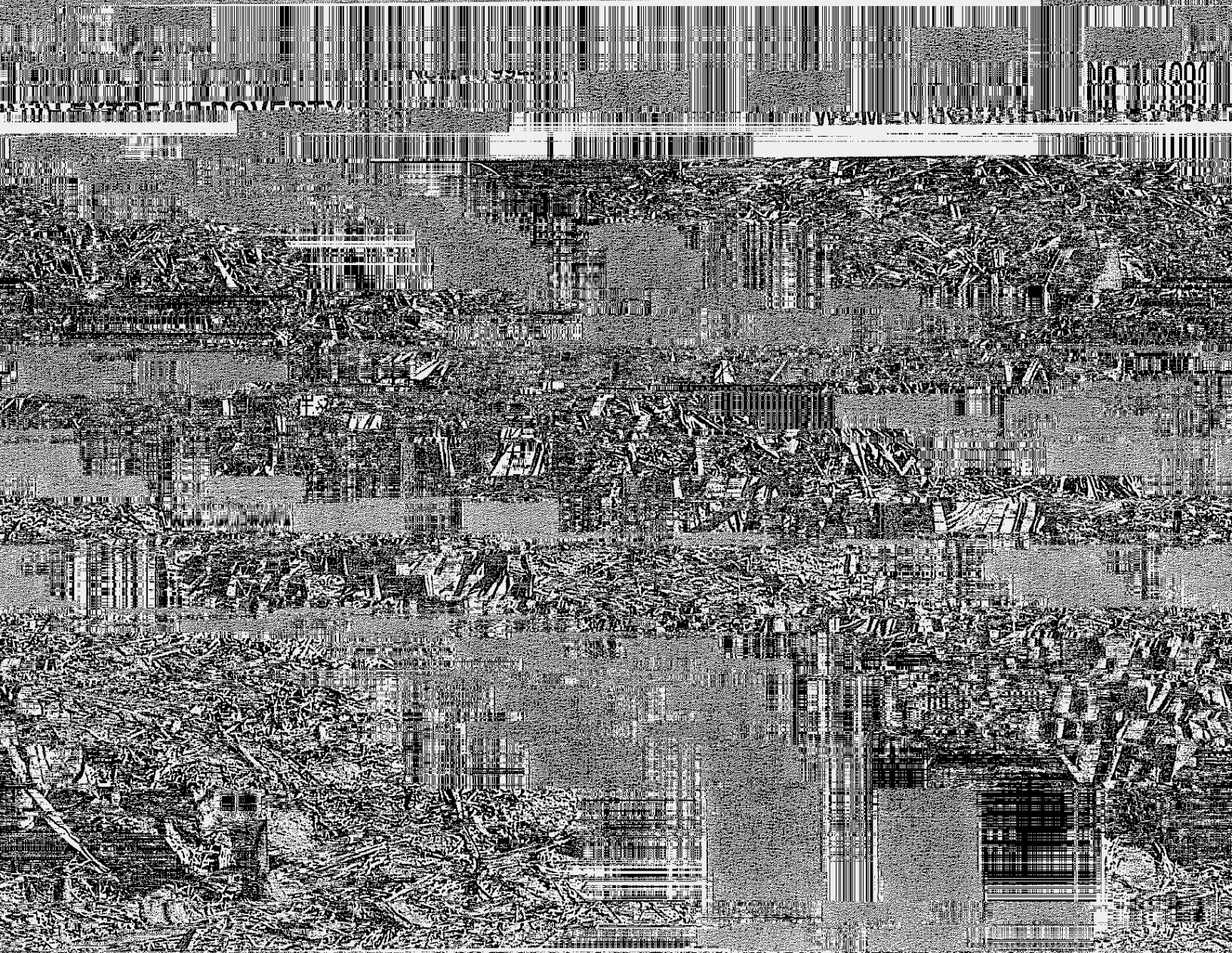




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The new approach:  
putting poverty from a

Women are major actors  
in the fight for survival. When

realization that analysis at the national level and of the official statistics - the gross national

advances have been made, or that anyone at the national or international level cares about their

Despite the obvious results of poverty and the shock effect of seeing children eating

products (GNP) or the gross do-

struggle to survive, but awareness of the real needs of women

out of rubbish bins, or picking through refuse during the census

vealing only a part of the real

and men living in this situation is

of poverty are complex, and vary

Poverty cannot be iso- fluent countries in the North women living in developing  
fluently tend to forget once countries in or on the edge of



The significance of this Economic Crisis, 7/illustrate how themes for each session of the  
Commission on the Status of

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treme poverty. There are millions signed interventions can be. They Women to be held during the  
are summarized as follows: period 1992-1996. The theme

The ideas and actions that poverty and its social costs. The

where This analysis of effects that poverty has on the ad- for women to development will



The excerpts below are from the papers presented by the two consultants at the seminar, Diane Elson, Faculty of Economic and Social Stud-

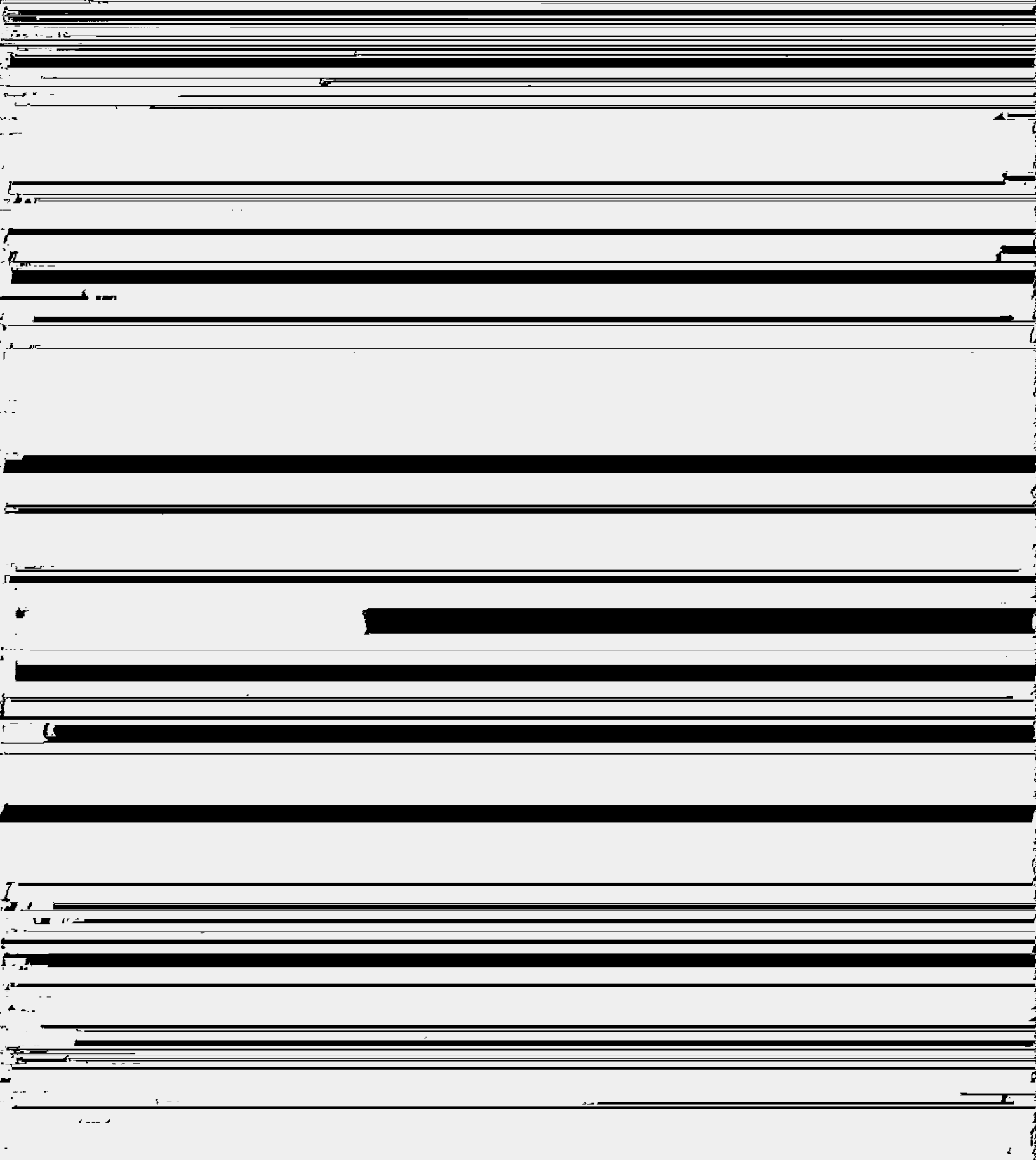
*especially in rural Africa and the urban slums of Latin America. Female members of a poor household are*

*such bias if women's poverty is to be effectively alleviated is not systematically addressed." &/*

Elson's aim is to provide

According to Elson, the  
Human Development Report of

*"The mixture of markets,  
planning, and community self-*



a set of guidelines for public ac-  
tion to strengthen the entitlements

policy formulation. The fol-  
lowing excerpt is from her con-

*ment in making a living  
and building a family*

*"The problem make the most cost-of- organisations to assist*

*with past efforts to as-  
sist women in their fa-*

*fective use of scarce  
resources by guarding*

*them in designing ways  
of meeting their child*

*'welfarism', the provi-  
sion of welfare goods*

*inappropriately de-  
signed services, em-*

*"All of this re-*

infrastructure from their local authorities and between means and ends. It cannot be identified exclusively ei-

erty, on the other hand, is defined by the gen-

resisted official attempts to encroach on their customary entitlements through ill informed projects and inequitable laws. Despite all their disadvantages, they contribute the

ther with deprivation itself or with the lack of means to escape deprivation.

"The conventional economic approach has been to focus on the 'means' of

eral standard of living in a given context. It relates to the level of needs considered to constitute an acceptable standard of living in a particular society and is therefore "relative

labour market. Finally, women

work longer hours than

tributed resources. The  
assumption of male

*There is a effect women in an attitude that women*

*growing awareness  
that poverty in general,  
and extreme poverty in  
particular has a signifi-*

*eral and women in  
poverty specifically.  
These circumstances  
are aggravated when*

*were passive depend-  
ants of the State, and  
they often embodied  
misplaced accusa-*

*"Governments and the international community should*

*"Policies and programmes should be adapted to ensure*

*labour market, social, political and cultural structures.*

*formulation, design, implementation and imple*

*tive agents in shaping the ongoing process*

*"The recommendations made at*





need to take a broader and more *this has been recognized in* *family planning pro-*

realistic view of the impediments *theory, it has only been translated* *grammes to the as-*  
*to the development of women* *into practice to a limited extent* *pects of fertility is not*

and the causes of poverty. *in family planning service deliv-* *enough, instead links*  
*er. But the government has* *between the status of*

*autonomy. The objective of re-*

*-especially girls. In fact,*

*populations and the*

*whelmingly poor and  
lacking political clout,*

erty is imposing on progress to-  
wards equal rights for women

ence on Environment and  
**D e v e l o p m e n t a n d**



In April 1972, at its eighth *characteristic of such families.* *The solution to this type of* *tion to present ap-*  
*proaches to planning;*

clearly devastating effects of the acquired immunodeficiency heeded and implemented at the Economic Cooperation among national level and with urgency, Developing Countries in the sec-

