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Abstract: The Nigerian government has over the decades introduced many schemes and programmes in order to alleviate poverty in the nation. In similar direction, the present administration headed by the Acting President Goodluck Jonathan has also described the situation as totally unacceptable. However, recent events and studies have shown that Nigeria does not have articulated social insurance policy. This paper analyzes the current Nigerian Insurance Social Trust Fund (NISTF). Using an exploratory descriptive analysis technique and it found evidence that there are shortcomings in the existing social insurance policy in the country, the paper went ahead to suggest the possibility of introducing comprehensive social insurance policy comprising jobseekers benefits, vulnerability benefits, hardship benefits as way of alleviating poverty level.