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This section discusses the theoretical and conceptual framework of the study. Sustainable rural livelihood framework proposed by DfID (1999b) and Household Vulnerability assessment framework approach is used to examine the Household vulnerability. The following sections describes the sample design, conceptual frame work , sources of data and techniques for data analysis.

3.1 Philosophical Issues

This study adopts a research paradigm influenced by radical structuralism, which assumes that household vulnerability is objectively determined by factors such as Social Asset, Human Asset, Natural Asset, Financial Asset, and Physical Asset. The ontological position of this study is objectivism, as it aims to produce objective and value-free knowledge about reality as a part of economics research. The epistemological position is positivism, as it relies on empirical methods and data to develop and test theories Household Vulnerability. The axiological position is value-free, as the researcher endeavors to not be influenced by or influence the subject or results of the study. The philosophical tradition that guides this study is the Neo-classical framework.

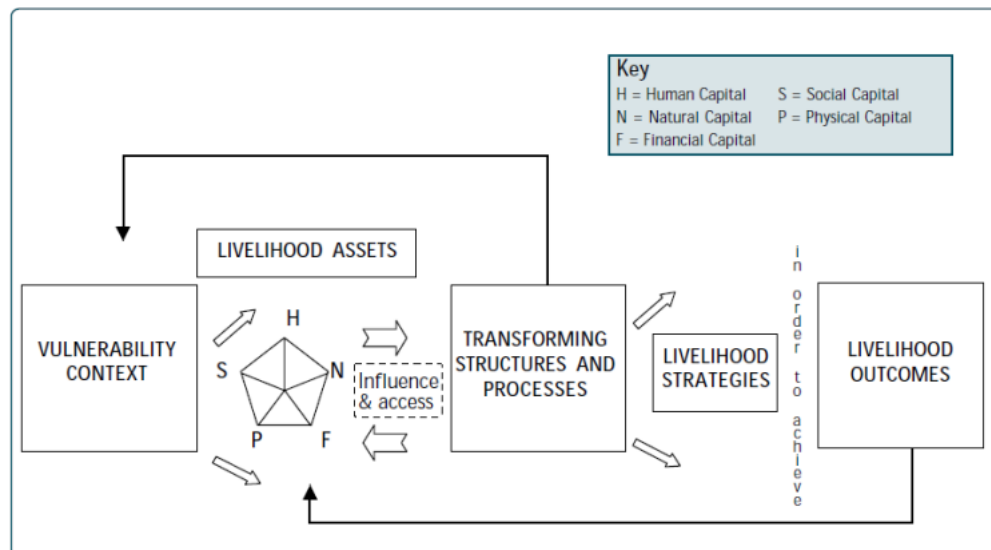


Figure 3.1: Conceptual Framework of the Study adapted from [?]dfid1999sustainable)

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