

The Effect of HIV/AIDS Scourge on Farm Families in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The study investigated the effect of HIV/AIDS scourge on productivity, income and standard of living of farm families in Makurdi Local Government Area (L. G. A.) of Benue State, Nigeria. A total of 100 respondents comprising 50 households affected with HIV/AIDS and, 50 households not affected with the disease were selected for interview using a simple random sampling technique. Some professional health workers were also contacted to give advice on the preventive and control measures of HIV/AIDS disease. The collected data were analyzed using frequencies, percentages, and chi-square. The result of the study shows that HIV/AIDS has serious adverse effect on the productivity, farm income and standard of living of the affected farm families. Education of rural households on the danger of HIV/AIDS and ways of preventing or minimizing its spread is recommended.