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Women's Empowerment for Household Food Security: The Place of Education

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ABSTRACT This study investigated the association between educational status of women and provision of food for household members for food security. In addition, ownership of household Labour Saving Devices and varieties of food provided were investigated. Data were collected from 220 randomly selected women in Osun State of Nigeria using structured interviewed schedule. Descriptive statistics such as frequency distribution and percentages were used to describe the data while Chi- Square was used to analyze the data. The results showed that the educational level attained by the respondents has an association with the Labour Saving Devices acquired $\chi^2_c=101.5$ at 0.05 significant level. And there exists a moderate association between the two variables ($\phi = 0.298$). In addition, the results showed a fairly high degree of association between Educational level and Age $\phi = 0.162$, Occupation $\phi = 0.362$, Marital status $\phi = 0.381$, and varieties of food provided $\phi = 0.179$. This suggests that women with higher education are likely to provide varieties of food thereby increasing the household food security.