

Rural Transportation and the Distribution of Public Facilities in Nigeria: A Case of Edu Local Government Area of Kwara State

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ABSTRACT The paper examines the role played by road transport in the distribution of public facilities in a rural environment in Nigeria. Development of rural transport networks has suffered neglect in comparison with urban road networks in the country. This has in no small measure affected the provision of essential public facilities to rural dwellers. The data used were collected through mapping and surveys of the nature of road network and available public facilities in the study area. The results of data analysis showed that the area has a poorly connected road network characterised by poor surface condition, narrow bridges and many bends. The level of provision of public facilities is also low. In order to establish empirical relationship between road network development and distribution of public facilities in the area, regression technique was used. The analysis showed a strong relationship. The study concludes by making recommendations for the federal and state governments' intervention in road network development in the area and providing more facilities to make life better for the people.