

## **Gender Roles in Sawah System of Rice Production in Nigeria**

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**ABSTRACT** This study examined the gender role in Sawah system of rice production in Nigeria. This study was carried out in five states where Sawah is being practiced. The states are Niger, Kaduna, Ondo, Kwara and Ekiti. Data used in this study were collected in all the Sawah sites in Nigeria namely: Ejetti, Etzuzhegi and Nasarafu in Niger state, Nakala Pampaida millennium village in Kaduna state, Elerinjare in Ilorin Kwara state and Aule in Akure Ondo state. A well structured interview guide was used to elicit information from the farmers. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the socio-economic and farming characteristics of the farmers. The results showed that respondents were predominantly male, married and acquired their land through inheritance. Farm sizes ranged from 1ha and 13ha. Majority of the farmers are members of farmers' association. Farmers got information about Sawah from their friends and Sawah coordinators in their zones.