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**The Impact of Training and Visit System on Professionalization
of Extension Agents in Oyo State Agricultural
Development Programme**

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ABSTRACT The study assessed the impact of training and visit (T & V) system of extension on professionalization of extension agents in Oyo State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP). One hundred and thirty (130) extension agents were interviewed and simple percentages and product moment correlation utilized for data analysis. A positive impact of T & V system with respect to the profession skill of extension agents was observed. The calibre of manpower involved in extension activity under T&V system at the field level appears to be rising, an indication of brighter future for extension service in Nigeria. The system has remarkably improved the technical competence of the extension agents by providing a climate, under which extension agents develop favourable attitude toward their clientele through frequent interactions. The regular and continuous training of extension agents under T & V approach play a significant role on the job effectiveness of the agents. The T & V system should be retained. However, the extension practitioner particularly those at the top management level should recognize the constraints facing the T&V system and adjust accordingly to enhance sustainability.