

Attitude of Youth Towards Rural Development Projects in Lagos State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The contribution of the youth is essentially important in the development of rural areas. The youth are essential human beings in the development of rural areas. Studies have shown that rural areas, especially in developing countries like Nigeria, have high population ratio when compared to the urban centres. The development of rural areas in developing countries is the root of economic upliftment for these nations. The study was carried out to investigate the attitude of youth towards rural development projects. Variables considered in the study include personal characteristics of the youth; role played by youth and the attitude of youth towards rural development projects. Eighty respondents were purposively selected for the study. Youths were interviewed from formal and non-formal education. The results of the study showed that majority of the respondents belonged to youth organizations and participated in rural development projects. The study further revealed that educational level does not have any effect on the respondents' action towards rural development, but attitude had an impact on the level of participation of respondents in rural development projects. This is a positive index to project sustainability in rural areas, and government should assist in the provision of funds needed for rural development projects. Also, extension agents, especially those in the agricultural sector, should assist in forming youth organizations that are germane to rural development.