

Determinants of Youth Participation in Change Programmes in Rural Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The paper investigated the constraints to youths' participation in change programmes in Iddo Community of Oyo State, Nigeria. A total of 80 youths' between 14-30 years participated in the study. Findings from the study reveal that a majority of the youths in the community have achieved reasonable levels of education-primary (50%), secondary (37%) and tertiary (40%). They have also participated in the past and ongoing change programmes such as Back to Land (43%), Exchange Labour (30%) and Child Immunization programme (56%). The major constraints of youth's participation are lack of incentives (33%) and economic constraints (33%). Findings further reveal that there is a significant relationship between availability of incentives and participation in change programmes ($\chi^2 = 8.08$; $P < 0.05$). The study recommend among others scholarship programmes as incentives for youths and improvement in rural infrastructure to stem rural communities.

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