



THE IMPACTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ON RURAL COMMUNITIES IN BAUCHI STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Community development program is a practice aimed at helping the rural community to organize and develop resource needed to achieve community goal and aspiration. Its also a way that those in the rural areas joint hands in developing their locality and development of rural areas in dependent upon the rural communities. Community development program is a process which the community of people joint together for planning, organizing, identifying problems within the areas of diagnosis cases formulating solutions developing strategies and mobilizing resources necessary for action. Finally, this view that community development is the only way to develop rural societies without waiting for the government, because the government has a lot to do, hence it's concentrated in the urban centers and cities which visitors from outside countries and state will admire. The realization is that state government alone can be left to initiative of the people their cooperation is need.

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1.INTRODUCTION

It's important to note that the issue of community development is done either by the non-governmental organization or the government as an intervention to the rural community for the betterment of their living condition.

Community development derived name from what was formally known as community labor. However, the definition of community development according to the universal acceptance, It's the coming of people together and



those stirring the affairs of government to uplift the cultural, social, and economic wellbeing of the community thereby contributing their quota to national developments.

Hanifa^[1] was right because without the coming together of people, community development will not take place, the government acts as agents and on look to all activities which make the records of all activities.

Community development is process the of developing active and sustainable communities based on social justice and mutual respect^[2]. It is about influencing power structures to remove the barriers that affect their lives. Community works facilitate the participation Of people in this process. They enable connection of people in this process. They enable connections to be made between communities and with the development of wider policies and programmes.

Development refer to many side implied to increase self-discipline, responsibility and material stand-point to cover economic social political and moral change in an individual development means improved from future production economic wellbeing, stable security, access to education, health services and proper water supply that is the transformation from traditional system.

Every community however must be contributing to its own development, self-help and community development seen as strategy for sustainable development to improve the living standard of people especially in rural area.

Community development place high premium on and extract the value of help and voluntary co-operation among members of the community looking to spray, while they can address their problem community develop seek to enhance the acquisition and residential contribution of resources.

Effort of the people and possible assistance from the government and non-governmental organization, authorities, meaning that the people in the rural areas should be able to coordinate themselves well before they should seek assistance from the government.

Baker^[3] view that community development is an educational process, it is not only something of material or the tangible things only but must reach deep into the cultural live of the people examining and testing as principle of faith. This definition is not looking at it as laymen particularly where you see education as reading and writing that evolves use of money and other resources.

Community development foundation (UK) refers to the system in which the community have greater control over what affect their living standard.

Furthermore, (UK) sees community development as an approach and skilled in which the community would not be happy until they believe in themselves.

The procedure in which communities rally among each other to identify their own initiatives and resources supplemented with assistance in any form of government and non- governmental organization is known as community development^[4].

Bajir^[5] sees community development as a process where community know or see themselves as no better roads, bridge, water supply, electricity and better sanitation and so they will put their effort to respond to these situations, it is the building within the heart and the mind of individual web-page defined community development as the collaboration of people to solve the issues that bothered on their livelihood , which is based on mutual understanding , the coming together of people with skill, knowledge, experience will help in coming up with good initiatives that would help them resolve economic, social, political and environmental problems and would pave way for their full involvement in democratic process..

The process to enhance living standard of low income of the people resident in rural areas and making the process of their self-sustaining as community development^[6]. Adeosu^[7] supported this definition as he also draws out three significant features in the analysis of the definition as follows;

1. Making the process of sustainable requires the development of skill and capacity to implement the project.
2. Mass participation requiring the allocation of resources to 1,000 income class
3. Improving the living standard include the mobilization of mass of the country.

2. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The purpose of the study is to describe/examine the role of community development on rural development on some selected local government of Bauchi state.

The community Development program has fairly succeeded in imparting self-confidences and self- reliance for the rural population. The success of the community Development program actually depends upon the willing co-operation of the local population. The main difficulties in the working of the community Development program is the lack of proper planning to a considerable extent, has been largely reasonable for its slow progress.

Several things become problematic to some extent every day especially as regard to lack of development in our societies. Some people view it as a negligence of both the federal and state governments to develop the rural societies, but that is not the case since some administrations have tried in that field, other think that the communities in the rural areas are not ready to joint hand in developing their localities. This may seem to be the reason for the backwardness of our rural areas since some communities have gone far beyond expectation in terms of their rural development. The research therefore, want to find out on whose shoulders does rural development fall most and who neglect it must?



3.OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The aims and objective of this research covered the following:

- i) To mobilize human beings and physical facilities by involving the people in their municipality areas.
- ii) To make easier for self-help project at local level of our rural societies and encourage them in initiating community development programs.
- iii) To create ways for people to know the importance of community development and determine whether there is any in coordination in the programs as well as self help project.
- iv) To provide communication channels between local communities and government.
- v) To obtain increased community efforts for the whole community, such as community wells, roads, schools, community centers, recreation facilities, Children's parks, etc.

4.HYPOTHESIS

There are two hypotheses concerned with the impacts of community development program on rural development in Bauchi State of Nigeria.

First hypothesis stated that, the development of the rural areas is dependent upon the rural communities.

Therefore, community development is the only way to develop rural societies without waiting for government, because the government has a lot to do, hence it's concentrated in the urban centers and cities which visitors from outside countries and state will admire.

Second hypothesis stated that rural development is not dependent of rural communities but the government is responsible to people.

Meaning of community development: in simple words, community development can be described as a process of change from old ways of life to new and progressive one. It is a process when people's own democratic and co-operative organization develops their own capacity and resources in certain fields and as movement with certain ideological background.

It also refers to the program blueprint to improve the living standard of the community where people are carried along through the capability of the people that is not proposed by the municipality agencies.

Thus, it's a tool of accelerating economic, social and political growth has its origin in the earlier concept of "mass education" The concept of community Development has been defined as under: the Cambridge conference, (1948) define the term community Development as "a movement designed to promote better living of the whole community, with the active participation and if possible on the initiative of the community, but if this initiative is not forthcoming simultaneously, it should be aroused and stimulated by special techniques to secure the active and enthusiastic response of the community".



The united nation Administrative committee on co-ordination in reporting to the economic and social council pointed out the following.

“The term community development has come into international usage to denote the process by which the effort of the people themselves are united with those of governmental authorities to improve the economic, social and cultural conditions of the communities, to integrate these communities into the life of the nation and to enable them to contribute fully to national progress”

Philippine program of community development, opined “our approach is founded on the principle of self-help. It is designed to promote community independence and responsibility resulting in more local leadership, initiative and autonomy. The program is aimed at fostering a desire among the people to make the changes themselves rather than imposing the changes to be made”

Illinois University Draft has defined the community development project as to build a stronger sense to community and a deeper sense of local pride and citizens’ initiative to carry out needed improvements in the community by creating better understanding of the internal problems, mutual knowledge and carrying out special action project”.

5.RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A research helps in the process at a dependable solution to problem through planned and systematic collection, interpretation and analysis of data. Research is the most important tools for advancing knowledge for promoting progress and enabling men to rely more effecting on his environment, to accomplish his purpose and solve his conflicts.

This research uses both the expressive and causative method in finding the connection between the variable using cross-sectionalstudy of rural communities in Bauchi state of Nigeria. Regression and correlation analyses are also considered. Out of the sample population,

CONCLUSION

Planning community development program on rural development in selected local government areas in Bauchi state from below implies planning by people and with people, without the involvement of the communities in the planning process, government plans are surely going to overlook their interest. For ensuring maximum public involvement and consultation in the planning of rural development activities, certain machineries must to be put in place at local government, state and federal levels. This is the surest ways to community on rural development programs from below, which again is the only true development approach that is bound to make positiveimpact for those the programs are meant to benefit.



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