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Participation of rural women in agriculture for poverty alleviation at abeokuta metropolis Ogun State in Nigeria

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Women in rural communities play significant roles in achieving the transformation necessary for economic and social changes for sustainable national development. Generally, women are majorly involved in food, cultivation, production, processing, preparation and marketing. Despite of these activities, women's contribution to food and agricultural product are still largely underestimated. The food and agriculture organization (FAO, 1995) cited by LO (2000) reported that Rural women constitute 70% of the agricultural workers, 60-70% of labor, 80% of food storage and transportation from farm to village and the 60% of the harvesting and marketing. Despite of all these activities, majority of rural women are still poor. Various strategies have been used to develop women through different programs by Federal Government. However, these programs are short-lived; sometimes due to change of government. Also, the program may not be carried out in a manner that meets the needs of the rural women. Some of these programs include better life for rural women, poverty alleviation and presently women empowerment.

Biography

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