

RE-APPRAISING GOVERNMENT INITIATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

The recent over flooding in about 20 States in Nigeria, throws up the age old question of the rural development efforts. Many of the affected areas are rural and many of the displaced are residents of rural areas. Many of these displaced people are more likely to migrate to the urban areas further compounding challenges in the over populated urban areas. The level of destruction in these rural areas also reinforce the need to question public efforts aimed at rural development. This work examined rural development efforts in Rivers state, Nigeria and observed that though governments had made concerted efforts to address challenges confronting rural areas, there are still major difficulties to surmount some of these are social, psychological, attitudinal or natural.

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