

The Efforts of Idepe Community Development Association in the Transformation of Idepe Community, South-West Nigeria

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Abstract

Most communities have demonstrated resilience by engaging in self-help efforts in order to improve on the quality of lives and livelihoods of their people. Consequently, to assess the efforts of the Idepe Community Development Association in the development of Idepe community, a study was designed in 2017 by the authors, to collect both quantitative and qualitative data, using the Survey method and In-depth Interview method. Results indicate that: building of community market stalls; the renovation of roads, healthcare centres, pipe borne water, educational facilities as well as construction of community town hall are the projects already provided by the target association in Idepe community. Result equally revealed that majority of the respondents affirmed that the projects executed by the association have indeed made positive effects in the lives of the people; hence was rated by the community members as above average. The paper concludes that the self-help efforts of most community development associations and their potentials as resources for community development in Nigeria can be step-up when enduring remedies are provided to the numerous challenges they face.

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