



# Renewable Energy Micro-Grids and Household Income Dynamics in Northern Nigeria: A Qualitative Study

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## Abstract

Renewable energy micro-grids are increasingly being implemented in rural and semi-urban areas of Nigeria to enhance access to electricity and support economic development. A qualitative study employing semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with households in selected communities to explore their experiences and perceptions regarding the integration of renewable energy solutions into daily life. Findings indicate that micro-grid installations have led to a significant increase (over 30%) in income generation among participating households, primarily due to reduced electricity expenses and new business opportunities enabled by reliable power supply. The study concludes that renewable energy micro-grids offer substantial benefits for household income stability and economic diversification in northern Nigeria, warranting further policy support and investment in these projects. Recommendation is made to governments and private sector partners to prioritise the roll-out of more renewable energy micro-grid initiatives, focusing on rural areas where access remains limited.

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