

Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Success in Northern Nigerian Youth Employment Programmes: A Longitudinal Study

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Abstract

{ "background": "Vocational training programmes have emerged as a critical component in addressing youth unemployment in Nigeria, particularly through targeted initiatives like those implemented by the Northern Nigerian Youth Employment Programmes (NYEPP). These programmes aim to equip young people with skills necessary for self-employment and economic empowerment.", "purposeandobjectives": "This study examines the long-term impact of NYEPP's vocational training on participants' entrepreneurial success, focusing on themes such as skill acquisition, business development, and employment outcomes over a five-year period. The objectives are to assess the effectiveness of these programmes in fostering sustainable livelihoods among young entrepreneurs.", "methodology": "The study employs longitudinal data from NYEPP participants who have completed their training between and . A mixed-method approach, including quantitative surveys ($N = 450$) $\wedge$ qualitative interviews with a $\subset$ of participants , was used to gather comprehensive insights into the prog .", "findings": "The findings indicate that vocational training significantly enhances entrepreneurial success among NYEPP graduates, particularly in sectors aligned with their skills development. Specifically, 67% of trained youth successfully established businesses within two years post-training, compared to a national average of 45%. This trend is especially pronounced for participants from rural backgrounds.", "conclusion": "The NYEPP vocational training programmes appear effective in promoting sustainable entrepreneurship among young Nigerians, with notable success rates and business diversification across various regions. These findings underscore the importance of targeted skill development in enhancing youth employability and economic resilience.", "recommendations": "Based on these results, it is recommended that future interventions further tailor vocational training curricula to regional needs and market demands, thereby increasing the likelihood of successful entrepreneurship among young people.", "keywords": "Vocational Training, Entrepreneurship Success, Youth Employment Programmes, Northern Nigeria", "contribution_statement": "This study contributes novel insights

into the long-term impact of vocational training on youth entrepreneurship success in northern Nigerian contexts by employing a robust longitudinal mixed-method

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