



Gender Justice and Legal Empowerment in Rural Nigeria: A Survey Analysis

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Abstract

Rural areas in Nigeria face significant challenges in accessing legal services due to geographical isolation and socio-economic disparities. A stratified random sample survey was conducted in three major states representing diverse geographic and socio-cultural regions of Nigeria. Respondents were selected based on their participation in community-based initiatives aimed at promoting women's rights. The survey revealed that over 60% of respondents reported facing barriers such as lack of awareness about legal resources, financial constraints, and cultural norms hindering their access to justice. Women in rural Nigeria face substantial obstacles in accessing gender justice through the formal legal system. The findings highlight a need for targeted interventions focusing on community engagement and education initiatives. Develop culturally-sensitive awareness campaigns, integrate women's rights into local governance structures, and provide financial support to facilitate legal services access.

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