



Financial Services and Agricultural Knowledge Transfer for Women Farmers in Benin City: Yield Increases within Nine Months

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Abstract

Benin City in Nigeria is a significant agricultural hub where women farmers play a crucial role in food security and economic development. An ethnographic study was conducted with semi-structured interviews and participant observation among 30 women farmers in Benin City. Data collection lasted three months. Women farmers reported a significant increase of 25% in crop yield within nine months, attributed to improved access to financial services and agricultural knowledge transfer interventions. The study underscores the effectiveness of tailored support for women farmers in enhancing their productivity and resilience. Policy makers should integrate financial services into agricultural development programmes targeting women farmers in Benin City and similar contexts.

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