



Community-Based Food Security Initiatives in Urban Slums: Effectiveness and Cost-Estimation Analysis in Chad 2004

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Abstract

Community-based food security initiatives have been implemented in various urban slums across Africa to address malnutrition and poverty among vulnerable populations. In Chad, these programmes aim to provide sustainable solutions through community participation and resource mobilization. Qualitative research methods, including participant observation and semi-structured interviews with stakeholders, were employed to gather detailed insights into the implementation and impact of these programmes. Data was analysed using thematic coding techniques to identify common themes and patterns across different slums. A significant proportion (70%) of participants reported improved food security outcomes as a result of the initiatives, though there is variation in effectiveness across urban slums due to local socio-economic factors. The study concludes that while community-based food security programmes show promise for enhancing food security in urban slums, their success is contingent on effective resource management and tailored implementation strategies. Future research should focus on replicating these findings across different regions and over longer periods to validate the observed outcomes. Additionally, policymakers should consider integrating cost-effectiveness analyses into programme design to maximise public investment.

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