



Comparative Analysis of Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategies in Nigerian Urban Slums, 2008

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Abstract

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a significant challenge in Nigerian urban slums, with high rates of physical and psychological harm reported among women. The study employed qualitative methods including semi-structured interviews with stakeholders (government officials, NGO representatives, community leaders), participant observation, and document review. Data were analysed using thematic content analysis. A notable finding was the significant role played by local government initiatives in providing safe spaces for women, which saw a 30% reduction in GBV incidents reported compared to previous years. While effective interventions exist, there is still room for improvement in terms of coordination and resource allocation among different stakeholders. Collaboration between governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations can enhance GBV prevention efforts. Stakeholders should prioritise joint planning and implementation strategies to address the multifaceted nature of GBV issues within urban slums effectively.

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