



Female Farmers' Engagement in Artisanal Food Processing Cooperative Expansion in Benin: A Three-Year Implementation Evaluation

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Abstract

This study examines the effectiveness of an artisanal food processing cooperative expansion among female farmers in Benin, focusing on its impact over a three-year period. A mixed-methods approach was employed, integrating qualitative interviews with quantitative data collection through surveys of cooperative members. Data analysis utilised thematic coding for qualitative insights and regression models for quantifiable outcomes. Female farmers experienced a significant increase in income from 25% to 40% over the three-year period, indicating a substantial economic benefit from cooperative engagement. The findings suggest that the cooperative expansion has been effective in fostering economic growth and food security among female farmers in Benin. Further studies should explore long-term sustainability measures and potential for expanding services to other regions. Policy recommendations include incentives for female-led cooperatives and training programmes on sustainable agricultural practices. Benin, artisanal food processing, cooperative expansion, female farmers, economic benefits

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