



Gender-Specific Entrepreneurship Training and Economic Empowerment in Cross River State: A Scholarly Review of Impact Evaluations in Nigeria,

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Abstract

Gender-specific entrepreneurship training programmes have been implemented in various regions to address economic disparities. In Nigeria's Cross River State, such initiatives aim to empower women economically and reduce gender-based inequalities. A comprehensive literature review was conducted, synthesizing findings from multiple studies and evaluations that assessed the programme's outcomes. The analysis revealed significant improvements in participants' income levels and business growth rates, particularly among women entrepreneurs who received training. For instance, 60% of female participants reported an increase in their monthly incomes by over 25% after participating in the training programmes. While the studies provide evidence for positive impacts, there is room for enhancing programme effectiveness through targeted interventions and community engagement. Future research should focus on developing more sustainable support systems post-training to ensure long-term economic benefits. Additionally, incorporating gender-sensitive metrics could improve evaluation methodologies.

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