

COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLE WATER PROJECT IN IRASA, ADO- EKITI, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study examined the impact of a community-driven development to water supply project on residents of Irasa, in Ado-Ekiti Local Government area of Ekiti State, Nigeria. The study determines the factors affecting the implementation of the project and its sustenance. Results revealed that the project did not impact positively on the socio-economic wellbeing of the inhabitants as the project which has been completed several months has not been put into use. The non-utilization of this project did not improve access to drinking water, have no effects on the incidences of diseases, did not improve the supply of water for domestic use and laundry. No difficulties were experienced in the mobilization of community members for the project and in monitoring the project. Similarly, personnel saddled with the project were dedicated and community members participated actively in the project. The difficulty was experienced in funding, especially in contributing money towards raising the 10% community counterpart funding. However, an Operations and Maintenance Sub-committee has been put in place and charged with the responsibilities of maintaining the project to enhance its sustainability. The commencement of utilization of the project will enable the objectives of the project to be fulfilled.

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