

POPULATION, POVERTY AND RESOURCES UTILIZATION AMONGST ETHNIC GROUPS IN FUFURE AREA OF ADAMAWA STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the differences in ethnic groups' characteristics, access to, use and management of various forms and sources of capital to determine inter-groups livelihoods and well-being. Multiple data generating techniques were explored to develop a Comprehensive Rural Appraisal Instrument (CRAI) that captured data from household level to natural resources inventorying and socio-political issues. The data generated were analyzed to profile the two communities studied; Dulo Bwatiye and Dulo Fulani of Fufure Local Government Area of Adamawa State Nigeria, in terms of their environmental and cultural settings, livelihood activities and well-being. The study revealed that relative location, ethnicity, religion and historical disparities in access to land and power are varyingly influencing rural communities' access to social services, perception of deprivation, development and/or well-being/poverty. Political power relations among and between the elites and the rural communities need to be re-oriented and be made more cooperative, integrative and holistic to reduce intergroup suspicion, tension and inequality.

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