



IMPACT OF *FADAMA* III PROJECT ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN DARAZO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF BAUCHI STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study was specifically conducted to examine the impact of *Fadama* III project on women empowerment in Darazo Local Government, Bauchi State, Nigeria. A sample of 110 women were randomly selected from four *Fadama* Community Association's (FAC's) constituting of eight *Fadama* User Groups (FUGs) and other economic interest groups; drawn from the two districts of Darazo and Sade in Darazo Local Government. A structured questionnaire administered through interview was used to obtain relevant data. Findings revealed that the livelihood activities in which women farmers were mostly involved were related to (35%) small ruminant animals (sheep and goats) breeding with major animals being sheep, subsequently followed by (35%) groundnut processing machines being their major economic activities in the study area. Finally the research recommends various methods and strategies for empowering women in order to become productive members of the society.

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