

Impacts of COVID 19 Pandemic on Food Security and Livelihood Among Households in Kaduna Metropolis

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Abstract:

The outbreak of COVID 19 in the world is no doubt a major blow to global development because of its impact on food security and livelihood of people. The impacts of the pandemic vary from country to country so also the response by governments across the world. The developing countries were the worst hit of the pandemic due to some factors some of which were fragile health system and dependent on crude means of food production. Some authors have argued that it would take about a century for some challenged countries to overcome the impacts of COVID 19 in their countries. This study was conducted to examine the impacts of the pandemic on the households in Kaduna metropolis which comprise about four LGAs (Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Igabi and Chikun). The study sampled about 260 households with average of 10 members. The findings of the study showed that majority (64.5%) of respondents (heads of households) have lost their livelihoods and found it difficult to feed their households. 82% percent of food insecure households were private business owners whose business became liquidated due to the pandemic. The study recommends that government and other stakeholders should come up with relevant programmes that target the vulnerable people in the society with a view to alleviating their situation by setting up Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

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