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SKILLS ACQUISITION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING FOR YOUTHS, A PANACEA FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, NIGERIAN INSECURITY AND ECONOMIC BACKING.

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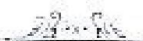
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ABSTRACT:

One of the major Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which Nigeria is set to achieve in 2015 is the eradication of extreme poverty with the target of halving the proportion of people who earn less than a dollar a day through skills acquisition. Human resources is a blessing to any nation because of diverse opinions/views that will be shared on issues affecting such nation but when able bodied youths, educated who are to take over the leadership or governance are unemployed after years of graduation looks frustrating and thus posed as security challenges to such nation. Skills acquisition and entrepreneurship training for youths will serve as succor to ameliorate the high rate of unemployment rather than allowing the youths to roam the street and thereby engage in unwholesome practices to earn a living. In our findings, we explored the recent employment saga in NIGERIA, the effect of unemployment and youth vanguard and the consequences of youth unemployment and security challenges with economic backing. In conclusion, we advocated that the insecurity in Nigeria as a sectarian violence should be discarded rather it is caused majorly by unemployment.

KEYWORD: *Skills acquisition, Entrepreneurship, Youths, Unemployment and Insecurity, Economic backing.*



VOCATIONAL SKILLS ACQUISITION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract

The study examined the vocational skill acquisition and entrepreneurship development in Imo State, Nigeria. The specific objectives were to examine the socio economic characteristics of the respondents; identify factors that determine vocational skill acquisition in Imo State and make policy recommendation. Data used for this study were collected with the aid of structural questionnaire administered to 100 randomly selected respondents from 5 local government area of Imo state. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics namely; mean percentage frequency distribution as well as multinomial logit regression model. The result showed that majority (62%) of the sampled respondents were female. Majority fell within the age bracket of (25 – 35) years of age. The result further showed that age, sex, interest, location, and finance were the major determinants of vocational skill acquisition in the study area. Vocational skill acquisition is important for entrepreneur development in the state. It is recommended that government should come up policies that are not gender bias so as to carry along the vulnerable groups in the society for such skill acquisition.

Keyword: *Vocational, Skill Acquisition, Entrepreneurship development*