

ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN POLICY ADVOCACY IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

This paper examined the role of Non-Governmental Organizations in development programmes particularly their role in policy advocacy, using Zamfara state of Nigeria as a unit. Qualitative research was adopted. Unstructured interviews were conducted with five informants. Thematic analysis was used and ATLAS ti8 software was used in the analysis of the data. The findings show that NGOs in Nigeria lack expertise knowledge on the modalities involve in conducting good policy advocacy. Other findings include poor funding of NGOs due to the fact that many of them relies on charity without alternatives sources of funding, intimidation of NGOs staff by government officials, NGOs are term as anti-government as well as dentation of members of NGOs which is affecting their capacity to influence government policies and programmes. The paper recommends training of NGOs staff, adherence to rule of law as well as respect of fundamental human rights.

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