

VULNERABILITIES AMONG INFORMAL ECONOMIC OPERATORS IN KANO METROPOLIS, NIGERIA

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Abstract

This paper examined the factors that render informal economic operators in Kano metropolis vulnerable. The study adopted quantitative research method and data was collected through the use of questionnaire covering a sample size of 384, following Cochran's formula for indefinite population. Copies of the questionnaire were divided across the six (6) clusters to achieve the desired proportion based on the population of the local government areas. Findings revealed that factors that render informal economic operators in Kano metropolis vulnerable are; lack of informal welfare, no access to credit facilities, non-membership of association, non-registration of business, lack of space, experience of harassment due to poor locations, poor security of space and low income. Socio-economic characteristics such as migration status, educational qualification and gender do not render operators vulnerable. When analysed within the clusters, Kano municipal ranked highest in vulnerability with 10 out of 14 factors rendering operators vulnerable; Gwale, Fagge and Dala show similarities with seven (7) factors of vulnerability, while Nassarawa is the least vulnerable area with only four (4) factors out of 14. The study therefore recommends provision of more serviced business space for operators, strengthening of informal welfare, simplification of registration procedures as a way of ensuring inclusion and creating conducive environment for business to thrive.

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