

ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATIONS IN FUNTUA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF KATSINA STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

This study assessed public participation in environmental sanitation in Funtua Local Government Area of Katsina State. The study examined the urban environmental problems facing Funtua town, the attitude of the respondents towards environmental sanitation exercise and the public participation on environmental sanitation in the study area. One hundred and eighty-two (182) households were selected and administered questionnaire. The results were analysed and presented using descriptive statistics. The household's willingness to participate in environmental sanitation was used to gauge their potential co-operations and commitment to a community and government environmental sanitation programme. Findings showed that majority of the households were willing to participate in environmental sanitation. The result further revealed that the predominant method of waste disposal in the area was the use of waste dumpsite. The study concluded on the adoption of revitalization strategy that involves community participation. Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations were made: there is need to make adequate provision of the basic sanitation facilities and infrastructure; the households should be continuously sensitized and educated through mass media about waste management and environmental sanitation programmes.

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