

THE EFFECTS OF ENTERPRENEURIAL SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAMMES ON FRESH TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS GRADUATES' SELF-EMPLOYMENT AMBITION IN SOUTHWEST, NIGERIA

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Abstract

The study investigated the effects of entrepreneurial skill acquisition programmes on fresh tertiary institutions graduates' self-employment ambition in Southwest, Nigeria. The specific objective of the study was to examine the impact of entrepreneurial skill acquisition programmes on fresh tertiary institutions graduates' self-employment ambition in relation to the growth of Small Scale Enterprises (SSEs) in South-west, Nigeria. In achieving the highlighted objective, a structured questionnaire was administered for data collection. A simple random sampling technique was used for the selection of respondents from the study area. A total of 114 respondents participated in the study. The analysis of data was done using simple percentage, standard deviation, mean, and regression statistics. The results of the study showed that National Poverty Eradication Program ($R^2 = 0.137$, $p = 0.000$), youth enterprise with innovation (YOUWIN) ($R^2 = 0.207$, $p = 0.000$). Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDAN) ($R^2 = 0.126$, $p = 0.000$) significantly impact fresh tertiary institution graduates' self-employment ambition and the resultant growth of Small Scale Enterprises in the study area. Based on the findings of this study, it is recommended that more entrepreneurial skill acquisition centers should be established in every local government area in Southwest, Nigeria. Also, Federal and State Ministries of Education should mobilize support for entrepreneurial skills acquisition centers to run their activities in tertiary institutions to boost the thirst for entrepreneurial skills and self-employment drive of would-be graduates.

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