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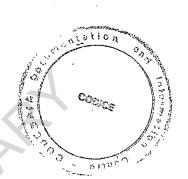
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ABSTRACT

Rural development problems have become the most enduring ones in Nigeria's development planning experience. The Rivers State which is an integral part of the country suffers same. To date both the federal and state governments have initiated and implemented several improving programmes aimed at the socio-economic conditions of rural people. Such programmes have ranged single-sector agricultural programmes integrated attempts in recent years. Also, the rural development programmes have become more grandiose and more expensive.

However, the fact remains that rural areas are still bedevilled by poverty and low productivity. A number arguments have been made to account for this situation. One of the most critical of these has been the failure of programmes in achieving their objectives. Explanations this trend range from management problems including poor implementation and funding, to the politics of rural development planning process. More needs to be done in order to decipher the inter-relationships however, factors influencing programme planning between implementation; and between key actors involved in different agencies. This study is a contribution in this direction.

Based on the evaluation of three priority rural development programmes: the DFRRI feeder roads; agricultural extension programme and the School-to-Land programme, the study attempted to measure the direct social and economic impacts of rural communities in the Rivers State. For each programme, a set of indicators of change and measures of such indicators were derived. A set of three criteria - income, productivity and and economic welfare formed the basis of These criteria were derived from programme assessment. objectives. The study covered a total of twenty-two villages and towns in five local government areas of the State and covered the period from 1985 to 1992. Data collection techniques utilized both person-to-person questionnaire administration and interview schedules at agency and community levels.

Data analysis using inferential and descriptive statistics showed that the income situation in study villages had not improved. In many cases it had actually worsened. Productivity on the other hand had generally increased but this increase was not attributed to the intervention of the programmes. Social and economic welfare has also not improved. Distributional impact showed instances of discrimination against women and poorer rural people.

In the case of the extension programme, very few have benefited from the services, either in form of advice or inputs. The School-to-Land programme has succeeded largely in antagonizing local people and the impact of the feeder roads programme has been watered down by unusable condition for most of the year.

When the impact of the programmes were examined broader context of their specific programme environments, analysis showed conflicts, lack of ordination, deliberate interventions and poor planning. factors were implementation problems including Other mismanagement, the absence of monitoring and evaluation procedures and absence of public participation. The study emphasized the complexity of the programme also environment particularly its influence on programme design and implementation procedures. In each case study several actors exist who by their intervention influenced the scale of programmes, funding and other elements of design, thereby contributing to the observed dichotomy between the objectives the programmes were initiated to the actual impact and what from their implementation had been on the intended beneficiaries.

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CHAPTER 1

1. <u>Introduction</u>

1.1 Statement of the Problem

The process of rural development is one that has given some priority by governments at all levels -Federal, State and Local - in Nigeria especially from the early 1970s when increased public revenue from crude oil the government to increase public spending enabled substantially. Until the seventies, efforts at rural development planning focused on the agricultural sector, particularly cash crops. The aim was to generate surpluses for export in order to support investment in infrastructural development and financing manufacturing industries most of which were concentrated in The consequence was the neglect of the bulk of rural productive activities and people.

emergence of petroleum export the With the nation's chief source of revenue, the exportation of even these cash crops declined. This trend was accompanied by rising rates of food and agricultural materials raw importation. F.A.O. and U.N records estimated that between 1970 and 1985, Nigeria spent N12,625m importation. Agriculture remains the main employer of rural labour, engaging 43.6% of adults over the age of fifteen years nationwide; (NISH, 1984) and for the Rivers State, 105,000 farming families and 26% of the estimated State's total population are fishermen (RISADEP, 1988).

When this picture is set against that of an "oil boom" (Pinto, 1987), for most of the seventies, one can agree with Mabogunje when he argues that "economic growth not brought about any significant structural changes in production organisation and technology in the It is this phenomenon of a backward and declining rural economy in a situation of rapidly rising national product that constitutes the crux of the development crisis in Nigeria", (Mabogunje, 1981: 296). This argument has been sustained by others (Berry, 1982). Salau suggests that during the period of the oil boom the real income of low-income groups declined generally but that "the rural dwellers have borne disproportionately, the brunt of these sufferings" (Salau, 1986: 323).

Within the oil producing areas of the country, particularly the Rivers State which produces about 50% of nation's oil export, the exploration activities are causing environmental pollution with the attendant loss of farmland (Badru, 1984). More significantly oil production units constitute enclave economies within the rural landscape and cannot therefore justifiably be regarded as part οf rural economic production.

From about 1983, the oil boom period in Nigeria could be regarded as over. Rural areas across the nation have little to show for the period. Many rural areas are

still highly inaccessible and lack all kinds of utilities and services; rural people are generally poor with low per capita incomes and productivity has been stagnant. The national integrated survey of household report of 1985 showed per capital monthly rural income was only about 14.365 naira (Table 1.1). Specific village level studies over time from different parts of the country conclude that poverty is pervasive (Collier, 1985; Atte, 1983). There is also substantial unemployment (See Table 1.2).

In spite of the above picture, much concern has been expressed, over the years, for rural areas and concern has been accompanied by specific interventions. From the early 1970s, the Federal Government adopted the idea of area-based rural development with emphasis on agricultural development. The programme line up includes erstwhile River Basin and Rural development the Authorities, now River Basin Development Authorities, the Agricultural Development Programmes (ADPs). In recent times, attempts have imbibed a broader horizon and aimed at integrated rural development. Examples are the programmes of the Directorate of Food, Road and Rural and the Better Life for Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI) Women (See Table 1.3). In spite of rhetoric, the goal of development remain elusive. In 1986, at the end of rural national seminar the conclusion was that, "no matter

Table 1.1: Average Monthly Household Income (Rural 1982) in Naira

States	Household Income	Average Household Size	Per Capital Income
Anambra Bauchi Bendel Benue Borno Cross River Gongola Imo Kaduna Kano Kwara Lagos Niger Ogun Ondo Oyo Plateau Rivers Sokoto	17.91 11.05 116.95 102.19 59.13 103.78 55.22 40.36 130.63 105.18 77.33 145.97 81.52 89.06 131.79 140.64 80.17 139.11 77.83	5.820 5.955 5.392 6.693 4.735 5.315 5.659 4.586 6.928 5.911 3.933 3.972 5.545 3.750 4.434 4.756 6.432 6.490 5.315	3.077 1.856 21.689 15.268 12.488 19.526 9.758 8.801 18.855 17.556 19.662 36.749 14.702 23.749 29.723 30.734 12.464 21.435 14.643
All Nigeria	79.21	5.514	14.365

Source: National Integrated Survey of Households 1982-83 Report (\$1 USA = .671 Naira)

Table 1.2: Rural Unemployment (by States) 1984-1992

State	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Average 1986	Average 1987	June 1992
A 11 A T'	4.4		4.0	4.77	2.0
All Nigeria	4.4	5.2	4.8	4.7	3.0
Anambra/Enugu	5.6	10.9	6.7	4.4	3.3
Bauchi	3.3	0.8	3.7	1.5	1.3
Bendel (Edo/Delta)*	14.6	7.2	8.8	7.6	2.4
Benue	1.2	3.3	1.9	3.4	3.8
Borno/Yobe*	-	4.3	2.0	Negligible	7.2
Cross River	14.7	15.6	8.5	6.4	1.3
Gongola (Adamawa/					
Taraba)*	_	2.7	2.3	5.3	2.8
Imo/Abia*	11.6	16.4	15.8	11.0	5.9
Kaduna	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.9	Less than 0.1%
Kano/Jigawa*	2.2	3.1	1.4	0.8	0.7
Kwara/Kogi*	1.3	7.7	4.6	2.2	2.8
Lagos	6.4	2.7	3.5	3.2	0.6
Niger	0.8	0.7	1.5	5.7	0.9
Ogun	2.6	1.1	2.1	1.2	1.7
Ondo	_	8.6	5.5	5.3	1.2
Oyo/Oshun*	_	.0.3	3.3	3.4	. 2.7
Plateau	5.1	3.1	7.1	5.6	0.8
Rivers	8.7	7.2	12.6	13.1	6.7
Sokoto/Kebbi*	0.6	2.1	0.7	2.6	Less than 0.1%

Source: National Integrated Survey of Household Labour Force Survey (Various Years), Federal Office of Statistics, Lagos

Note: (a) June 1992 figures for Abuja (9.0), Akwa Ibom (8.2), Katsina (less than 01.%)

(b) *Figures for June 1992 only

Table 1.3: National Agriculture and Rural Development Programmes

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S/No.	Year	Programme	Objective	
1	1972	National Accelerated Food Production Programme (NAFPP)	Increase farmers' income and introduce modern technology	
2	1973	River Basin Development Authorities	Direct production production of food crops, irrigation agriculture	
3	1975	Agricultural Development Projects (ADPs)	Integrated Rural Development	
4	1976-1979	Operation Feed the Nation (OFN)	Mass Mobilization for Food Production	
5	1980-1983	Green Revolution	Meet the needs of the small farmer at local level	
6	1986	Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructure	Integrated Rural Development	
7	1987	Better Life for Rural Women	Mobilising rural women for self-reliant development	
8	1973 to date	Various credit schemes	Cater for the capital resource needs of farmers and agro-industries	

definitions given to rural development, it is in Nigeria's developmental efforts that manifests a of failures and questions the ability of cataloque Nigerians to manage their own affairs" (Umeh, 1986: 26). This was the basis for the establishment of DFRRI the October that However, assessments of year. achievements of attempts show mixed these more recent outputs but remain negative (Nwankwo, 1987; Tukura, 1987; Akpan, 1992). The critical issues remain the inability to achieve the key objectives of increasing productivity and socio-economic conditions of the improving the people and the failure of concrete achievements to match resources expended.

In concluding this statement of the research problems therefore, one can summarize the main points as follows:

- that much of what has so far been done in the context of Nigeria's rural development planning efforts have not been relevant on grounds of developmental objectives;
- 2. that rural development programmes have in the main failed to improve the living conditions of the rural poor;
- 3. that what exists as evidence of the planning effort is not commensurate with the level of concern expressed or the resources said to have been committed.

1.2 Research Objectives

The major objectives of this study are as follows:

- 1. to assess the socio-economic impact of three rural development programmes the DFRRI feeder roads programme; the ADP extension services programme and, the School-to-Land programme particularly their distributional impacts within the communities in which they are located, specifically across income groups and gender lines;
- 2. to determine the incidence of a dichotomous relationship between what the programmes as planned entailed and what exist as evidence of the planning efforts, and
- 3. to define the interrelationship in each case between
 (1) and (2) above, within the wider context of the
 environment for rural development planning in the
 Rivers State.

1.3 Statements of Hypotheses

Statements of hypotheses are based on programme objectives.

Feeder Roads Programme

- (a) The construction of DFRRI feeder roads in parts of the Rivers State have not led to any increase in rural socio-economic activity either in terms of increased output or increase in local organizational activity.
- (b) The DFRRI feeder roads have not improved access to farms and markets for rural dwellers.

(c) The DFRRI feeder roads have not led to positive change in the social and economic welfare of small farmers and other low income people especially women in the localities that they serve.

Extension Services Programme

- (a) The training and visitation system of the extension programme of RISADEP favours rich, better educated farmers/fishermen and therefore by-passes the small holders.
- (b) The training and visitation system of the extension programme of RISADEP favours male farmers/fishermen and therefore by-passes female farmers/fisher women.
- (c) Extension services programme planning of RISADEP occurs without the involvement of the recipients; therefore measures targeted at them, do not reach them.

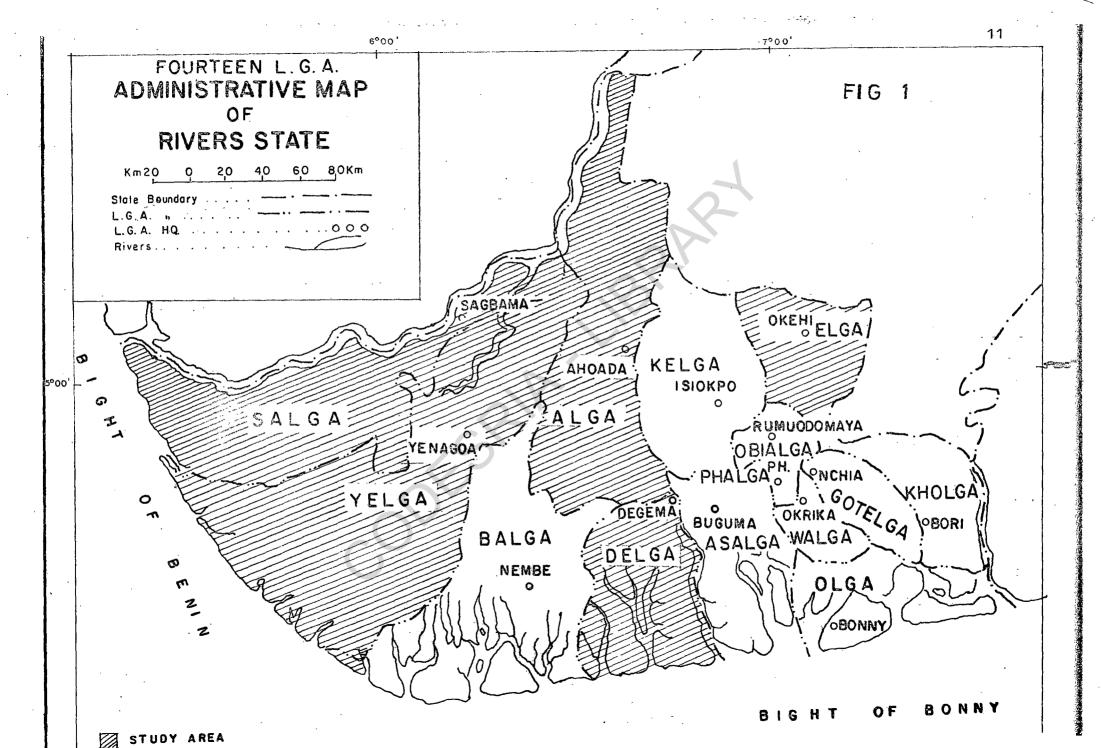
School-to-Land Programme

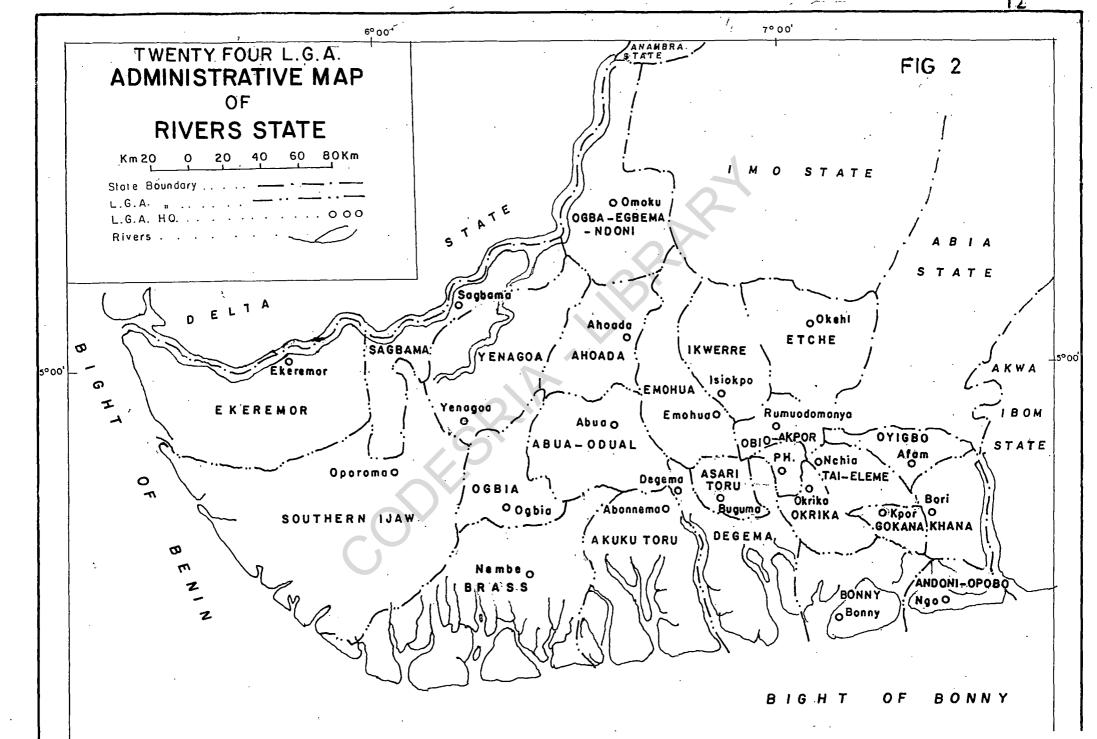
- (a) Young school leavers recruited into the School-to-Land programme have not continued in farming and therefore, the programme has not led to the creation of a younger generation of farmers in the Rivers State.
- (b) The establishment of School-to-Land farms has not led to an increase in agricultural productivity in the communities in which they are located.

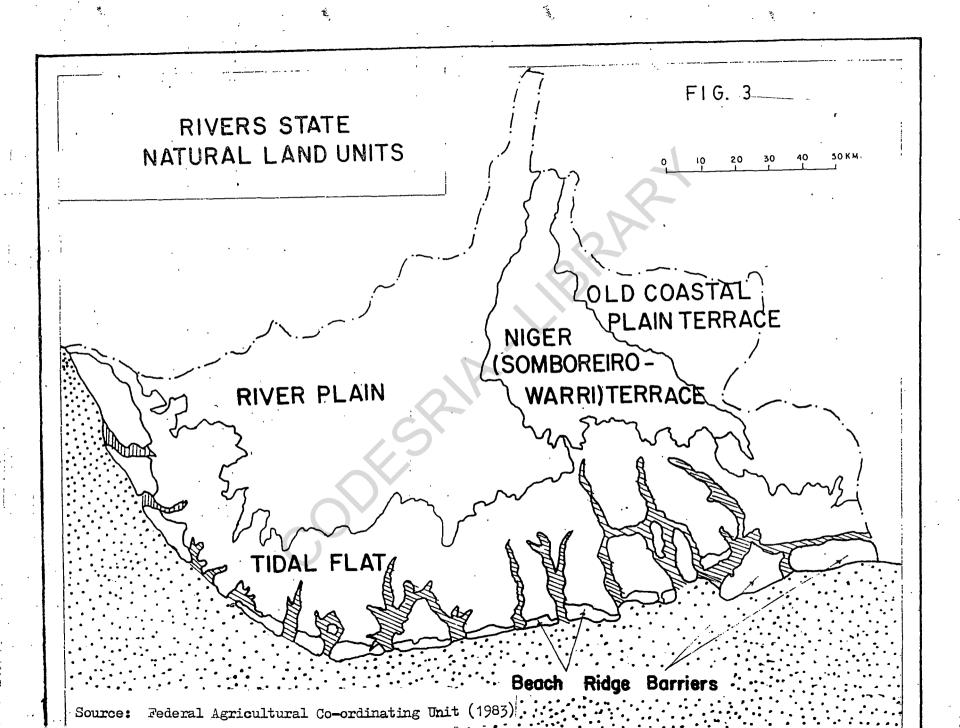
1.4 Brief Statement on Study Area

The Rivers State was carved out of the former Easter region of Nigeria by the Federal Government in May 1967. In 1991, the State was administratively carved into twenty-four local government areas (see Figure 2). Geographically it lies between latitude 4°17' and 5°45' north of the equator and longitude 5°22' and 7°35' east of meridian. The estimated total area of the State is 19,420 km² (2.1% of Nigeria's area). Eighty percent (80%) of this area lies within the delta of the River Niger and the remaining 20% is part of the coastal plain lying within the catchment of the Imo River and associated tributaries, as can be seen in Fig. 3. Of the estimated total land area, 7,603.70 km² is cultivable land while 11,816 km² is covered by water (RISADEP, 1989; FACU, 1983).

The 1991 census estimated the population of the State at 3,983,858 persons. With an estimated rural population of about 66.26%; this brings the total population of rural Rivers to over 2.5 million persons. Average family size in rural Rivers is estimated at 7 persons. Population density for the State as a whole is estimated at 155 persons per km² ranging from the lower delta area with 50 persons per km² to at least 1,500 persons per km² in Port Harcourt. Rural population







densities generally vary from 60 to 257 persons per $\rm km^2$ reaching 780 persons per $\rm km^2$ in the immediate south-west of Port Harcourt (FACU, 1983).

The rural economy is largely based on agriculture consisting of subsistence and traditional farming and artisanal fishing. Perennial tree crops are un-important. The main food crops produced in the upland areas of the State are cassava, maize, yam, cocoyam, vegetables and cocoyam. Farm incomes are generally low and holdings are small. Assessments by a firm of management consultants, Coopers and Lybrand for the Federal department of Rural Development estimate that in 1981 cultivated area per farm family in the State ranged from an average of 0.65 ha to 1.2 ha, but many farm families were reported as having less than 0.5 ha each under cultivation.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research centres on the Rivers State of Specifically it covers five out of the fourteen government areas existing at the time the study was initiated and constitute the geographic unit on which much of necessary official documentation, is organized, namely: Yenagoa, Etche, Ahoada, Degema and Sagbama local government areas (see fig.1). Under the newly created 24 local government area structure, the study area would Also the study assesses the socio-economic impact of three selected programmes,

namely: the Phase I Feeder Roads Programme of DFRRI in the State; the ADPs Agricultural Extension Programme and the School-to-Land Programme. As noted in each case, the study covers the programme as delivered by one agency. This has enabled us to delimit the time frame under consideration to the period from 1985 to 1992. Thus even where more than one agency are involved in the delivery of a particular programme, the output of the others (apart from those stated earlier) are not analysed in the impact assessment. It is only in the discussion of the rural development planning environment that their roles and interrelationships are examined in so far as this borders on our results.

1.6 Relevance of Study

Rural areas constitute the most important sector of the Nigerian economy. Yet rural development has remained the most enduring problem in the nation's developmental efforts. The problem does not arise from want of trying. From the first era of "official" development planning, marked by the 1946-56 colonial plan of Development and Welfare, aspects of rural development planning have been part of the national development planning effort. The 1962-1968 and the 1970-1974 Development Plans however had no clearly defined rural component either in the area of specific policy objectives or in the form of a properly articulated strategy for rural development. Since then,

experience has been a multiplicity of interventions national and state levels. This trend has tended the fact that there is no properly articulated conceal strategy for rural development in Nigeria in general Rivers State in particular. Programmes have not been rooted in coherent policy frameworks. Thus implementation programmes have been punctuated of successive by discontinuities (Adewumi, 1988). Significantly, the rationale for much of the interventions has also questioned (Forrest, 1986). Even the choice of priorities levels of funding for specific terms of actual programmes has also been questioned (Bienen, 1985). The real crisis however remain the failure of programmes meet their stated objectives. In looking at this crisis, the emphasis has been either on the policy framework in the implementation process without setting analysis the context of the rural development in The net effect is that we do not have a environment. comprehensive picture of the underlying factors. This study it is expected will provide such holistic а The relevant interrelationships between issues will emerge thus providing us new insights into the problem.

1.7 Limitations

The main limitations in this study came in form of financial and time constraints; and the inadequacy of

available data. Often, data from official sources was not in the form that could be easily used. For instance, within the time frame of the study, 1985 to 1992, local government boundaries have changed twice involving the break up of previous units, sometimes into two or three new units. Also sometimes data is outdated, or simply not available. To handle the problem of data, rather robust questionnaires became necessary.

In addition to the above is the unwillingness of public officials to even release what data was available. Covert attempts to circumvent this problem sometimes led to conflicting data with little opportunity for the researcher to confirm its accuracy.

Another important limitation is the level of illiteracy among the rural population and the need for interpretation. In spite of the fact that members of the community were involved whenever possible, there is no doubt that the level of probing which direct communication could have reached was reduced.

On the School-to-Land Programme a major limitation arose from the difficulty of actually locating participants on the farms. It necessitated several visits followed by a decision to curtail the number of respondents.

1.8 Rural Development Planning in the Rivers State:

A Summary

Successive administrations in the State both civil military have given some attention to rural development. Like in other parts of Nigeria, initial efforts focused agricultural development supplemented by community development. From 1968 to 1969, Rural Development was division in the then Ministry of Trade, Economic Planning Industry. From 1970 to 1972 Rural Development formed part of the then Ministry of Economic Development Reconstruction. The key programme at this time was the "food for work" under which homesteads were built in places designated as "war disaster areas". The financial year was declared "Rural Development Year" and sum of one million pounds sterling provided for financing various programmes. It was not until 1978 that Ministry of Rural Development and Co-operatives was created. Today no specific Ministry of Rural Development exists and the number of agencies involved are many.

No clearly defined policies for rural development existed in the Rivers State neither were there properly articulated strategies. What we had were projects that came within sectoral allocations of Ministries particularly those of Agriculture, Works and Transport, and Local Government and Community Development. In 1976, the State government in a published handbook titled

"Rural Development", focused on rural development within the context of community development. Thus it appeared that during the early to mid seventies, community development became synonymous with rural development. Certain features of the approach however appear to have been carried over at least in conception to more recent initiatives. For instance, the handbook stated that the policy of the Government of Rivers State on Rural (Community) Development aimed at achieving the following objectives:

To improve the economy of the local community;

To raise the income standard of every villager;

To create employment opportunities and thereby minimise migration from the rural ares to the towns;

To improve the physical surroundings of the rural communities;

build confidence in ability of To up the villagers' to help themselves thus making them less reliant on government resources (RSG, 1976, p.5)

Village or town; Divisional and State Planning Committees were established to prepare and implement a rural development plan. These Planning Committees were, according to Mr Nwinee, Chief Community Development Officer of the State, started by Federal policy and are the antecedents of the current Community Development

Committees concept. There is no known production of any rural development plan in the State. However a catalogue of projects were stated as having been executed. Thereafter, no concerted efforts were

made except attempts at decentralizing the State administrative machinery to an increasing number of local government bodies. The exercise was carried to a profound extent during the 1980 to 1984 period when the policy of decentralization led to the creation ofgovernment units from the then existing 10 Local Government Areas. With this policy came the establishment many local level committees set up to cater functions of main line Ministries in their respective The concept was aimed at promoting localities. meeting of basic needs such as hospitals, schools, electricity and water supply to all fifty units. The system was poorly executed and led to the abandonment of unable to meet its many projects as government was commitments in terms of funding and technical support.

The next identified comprehensive approach was the Accelerated Integrated Rural development Programme (RAIRDEP) as a joint programme of the government and people. RAIRDEP was funded by all agencies of development including the people who paid development levies. Although the concept was launched in December, 1986 with

a lot of promise it did not outlive the regime that initiated it.

In terms of the actual programmes (see Table 1.4) there has been a move from single sector programmes such as those for agriculture and industries to multi-sectoral or integrated ones as exemplified by the erstwhile Rivers State Accelerated Integrated Rural Development Programme (RAIRDEP) comprising several projects. Table 1.4 provides a catalogue of rural development programmes of the Rivers State Government from 1970 to date. Like programmes initiated at Federal level, these programmes have suffered from duplications and discontinuities. Not being part of a rural development plan the programmes have been subjected to shifts in priorities from one administration to another. The incidence has contributed to poor implementation and consequently poor programme performance. Available data for the period 1975-1980 and 1981-1987, show very low programme implementation ratios (see Table 1.5).

The discontinuities particularly in the level of funding is very clear. Another remarkable feature is that some projects are clearly abandoned and this implies that the investment hitherto made on them represent waste of scarce financial resources. A remarkable feature of the State's approach to rural development planning has been its ambitious nature particularly on such programmes as the rural industrialization and new towns development

programmes. Between 1979 and 1984, the State government embarked on the construction of seven new towns as of a strategy of regional-rural development planning. Owing to the scale of the programme, the project could not be implemented and today, the large areas of land devoted to the project serve as graduate farming schemes School-to-Land farms. This implementation experience has threatened other programmes such as industrial estates development programme in all local government headquarters and killed the provision of basic needs programme.

Presently, the State still does not have a properly articulated strategy for rural development. The State is by and large a participant in the federally initiated programmes such as the Agricultural Development Project (RISADEP); the Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructure and the River Basin Development Authority (RBDA).

Table 1.4 : Summary of Rural Development Programmes of the Rivers State from 1970 to Date

PERIOD	TYPE OF PROGRAMME	OBJECTIVES
1970 to date	Sectoral Programmes	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
1970 to date	Sectoral Programmes	
1975 - 1979	(i) Rural Industrialization	Promotion of small-scale industries
	(ii) Rural Community Development	Promotion of self-help and other community-based public works
1980 - 1984	(i) Regional Rural Development Programmes	Development of new towns in the rural areas of the State
	(ii) Basic Needs Programme	Provision of basic rural utilities, infrastructures and services
1985 - Date	School-to-Land Programme	Rural youth employment scheme to counter rural to urban drift
1986 - 1988	Rivers State Accelerated Integrated Rural Development Programme (RAIRDEP)	Co-ordination of rural development agency functions

Table 1.5: Implementation Ratio for Rural Development Projects of the Rivers State Government

	1975 - 8,0		1975 - 80 1981 - 87		
Ratio	No. of Projects	olo	No. of Projects	%	
Zero 0.00 - 0.30 0.31 - 0.60 0.61 - 0.90 0.91 - 1.20 1.21 - 1.50 1.51 - 1.80 1.81 - 2.10 2.11 - 2.40 2.51 - 2.80 2.81 - 3.10 Over 3.10	14 24 15 7, 4 3 1 - -	18.9 32.4 20.3 9.5 5.4 4.1 1.4 4.1 2.7	21 40 17 9 9 5 - 1	20.4 38.8 16.5 8.7 8.7 4.9	
	74	100	103	100	

Source: Calculated from:

Progress Reports 1975-80 Third Development Plan 1981-85 Fourth Development Plan and the 1985-1987 Approved Budgetary Programmes, Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, Port Harcourt

Note:

The use of implementation ratio as an indication of plan performance involves the comparison of actual expenditures at the end of the plan period with the initial allocations having been adjusted for inflation. is actually a "spending test" (Killick & Kinyua ,1980). Programme expenditures calculated on a yearly basis for the entire plan period provided an estimation of the level and continuity of funding and therefore of priority accorded specific programmes, and the stability of programmes over time. This approach has been applied as a measure of implementation of regional economic policy (Bartels and Van Dujn, 1984). expenditures are taken as indication of the intentions of policy makers and actual expenditures as a measure of the effort made to realise these intentions. The basic weakness in the use of the test is its failure to take into consideration the quality and content of expenditure items.

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CHAPTER 2

METHODOLOGY

2.0 Introduction

The study employs a two-stage framework of analysis. The first stage is a detailed assessment of the direct impact of three rural development programmes on their surrounding communities. These are as follows:

- (a) the Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructure's feeder roads programme.
- (b) the Rivers State Agricultural Development
 Programme's (RISADEP) agricultural extension
 services programme; and
- (c) the Rivers State School-to-Land Programme.

three programmes have been selected because of the All priority given to them at one time or the other; their implementation over a period of at least five years in the immediate past consecutive and the considerable sums of public funds that have been devoted their programmes design and implementation. Another factor influencing the choice of programme is the critical nature to their objectives in terms the overall objectives of rural economic growth and social welfare.

The second stage of analysis covers the examination of the programmes impact against the background of the programme planning environment.

2.1 Impact Assessment

attempt here is to provide a programme-by-programme assessment of the direct socio-economic impact on the communities in which such programmes are located. The direct impact is the effect of the programme the places and people it is aimed at in terms of programme objectives. The analysis covers the level of the individual or household and the community.

Impact assessment has five activity areas and each of these will be applied in each case study.

- (i) Specification of Programme Objectives
- (ii) Establishment of baseline conditions
- (iii) Derivation of measures and indicators of change
- (iv) Data collection
- (v) Data Analysis

2.1.1 Specification of Programme Objectives

This is the starting point of the impact assessment. Programme objectives are the tangible results that programmes set out to achieve. For each programme that make up our case study the specific objectives have been derived from policy statements in official documents as stated below.

Feeder Roads

- (a) To enhance social mobility
- (b) To enhance economic activity (Koinyan, 1986: 4)

Agricultural Extension Services

- (a) To disseminate relevant technical messages to the small-scale farmers and fishermen and provide feedback to management and research.
- (b) To motivate small holder farmers/fisherman and through that bring about significant increase in food production and income (RISADEP, 1988: 7)

School-to-Land Programme

- (a) To train young secondary school leavers in agriculture, livestock and poultry farming and place them on land acquired in all local government council areas of the State so that the young school leavers can forge careers in agriculture, livestock, or poultry farming or mixed farming as the case may be; and
- (b) train young secondary school leavers in fishing techniques and provide them with fishing equipment and other inputs to enable the young school leavers forge careers in fishing" (School-to-Land Authority Edict 1985 Section 2 (1))

(c) To create a foundation for accelerated socioeconomic development of the rural areas through increased production of staple food items.

(School-to-Land. Updated Policy Paper, 1987)

The nature of impact is assessed strictly against the stated objectives of each programme case study. This is the only way to ensure objectivity. Therefore hypotheses are subsequently formulated on the basis of the above objectives, also on a case-by-case basis.

2.2 Measures and Indicators

of programme impact The assessment involves measurement of changes in relative terms over a period of consequence of time the specific project as intervention. Four specific issues are raised follows:

- (a) Whether there has been significant changes in the social and economic conditions of the target groups as a result of the intervention;
- (b) the direction, whether positive or negative of such change;
- (c) the extent of the change and
- (d) causal relationships as to why the change is as observed.

These questions imply a comparison of the pre-project situation to the post-project one. The pre-project

situation thus constitutes the baseline condition. It is for this reason that the period covered by the assessment is specific. To help in generating relevant variables for the measurement of change, indicators, are used. According to the United Nations Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (UN ACC) special Task Force on Rural Development, indicators are "specific (explicit) and objectively verifiable measures of changes or results brought about by an activity" (UN, ACC 1984: 37).

In this study, we are limiting attention to direct programme impacts, that is to the results actually produced at both individual and community levels. the assessment is limited to the period comprising the immediately prior to the execution period programme to the December 1991 to December 1992 year when field survey actually took place. Within this period, the Phase 1 of the DFRRI feeder roads programme had been completed and inspected by the Presidential Monitoring Team. So some form of assessment already exists on that programme. Also, the RISADEP extension programme which is an on-going one has completed its execution (1988 - 1991) and had some first phase of internal organizational assessment. The School-to-Land programme is the oldest of our case studies. undergone several revisions in policy objectives and administrative changes sufficiently to indicate that internal organizational monitoring has taken

In all three cases therefore, some official documentation as to the actual achievements, mostly in physical terms, of the programmes exist. Three broad groups of impact criteria in line with objectives are used. These are:

- (i) income
- (ii) Productivity; and
- (iii) social and economic welfare

For purpose of clarity each case study will now be taken separately on the remaining steps of the impact assessment procedure, the first being the derivation of programme objectives concluded in Section 2.1 above.

Table 2.1: Impact Assessment Criteria for DFFRI Feeder Roads

	 	
Criterion	Indicator	Measure
Income	1. Net increase in beneficiary income in the years following completion of the road	In come in 1987 compared with income 1991/92
	2. Increase in size of farm holding and other units of production	Farm size of beneficiaries in pre- and post- project periods
	3. Net increase in land prices attributed to project intervention	Naira value per unit area of land in 1987 as compared with 1991/92
Productivity	1. Net income in agricultural and other production following completion of the road	 Volume of agricultural output Diversification of employment
	2. Improved access to farms/fishing grounds	Reduction in travel time and distance. Change of mode of transport from non-vehicular to vehicular
-0	3. Expansion of marketing opportunities	Increased sale at urban markets
Social and Economic Welfare	Income Distribution	Increase in size of land holding in post project period on the basis of income groups and gender
	Improvement in living conditions	Percentage of small farmers (less than 2 Ha) reporting net increase in income and productivity

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Table 2.1 (Continued)

Criterion	Indicator	Measure
	Promotion of local organizational activities	Participation in local organizations

Source: Adapted from Bovil (1978)

Table 2.2: Sampling Frame for DFFRI Phase I Feeder Road Programme in the Rivers State and Settlement Stratification

S/No.	Village/Town	1991 Population	Local Government Area
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 9 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	Ula-Ehuda Ammigboko Ubeta Ndoni Anioze Ase Azaga Egbada Erema Odiemerenyi Ihubogko Abarikpo Ubio Ubarama Agada I Ogbokuma Umuokom Akwa Odagwa Okoroagu Eberi-Omuma Obibi Odufor Akpoku Umuogo Okumbiri Eriama Bulou-Orua Tom Orua Sagbama Tungbo	1128 2852 2652 4104 268 687 1865 6068 2211 2237 2715 1496 2147 3446 1680 1422 4279 7336 2811 5272 5264 2690 793 8073 2339 1381 3433 898 4793 5653	ALGA ALGA ALGA ALGA ALGA ALGA ALGA ALGA

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Table 2.2 (Continued)

S/No.	Village/Town	1991 Population	Local Government Area
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	Agbere Asamabiri Elemebiri Azikoro Agbura Okaka Sqalli Biseni Okodia-Zarama	7038 1577 2817 2372 2076 1261 1598 16833 4896	SALGA SALGA SALGA YELGA YELGA YELGA YELGA YELGA
TOTAL	39 Villages	131,499	4 LGAs

Source: Rivers State Ministry of Finance and Planning
Population Projects Projections.

Table 2.3: Population Size Distribution of Study Villages

Stratification of Settlement	No. of Settlements
Less than 1,000 people 1,000 - 2,500 2,501 - 4,000 4,001 - 5,500 5,501 - 7,000 7,001 - 8,500 Above 8,500	5 14 8 6 2 3 1
TOTAL	39

Source: Complied from Table 2.2

2.2.1 <u>Measurement and Indicators for DFFRI Feeder Roads</u> Programme

This is purely a physical infrastructural programme. Its target group is the entire rural community.

2.2.2 Sampling Procedure for DFRRI Feeder Roads

A two stage sampling framework was applied. The first is the selection of communities to be covered by the field survey and secondly is the selection of individual respondents in each of the communities. The feeder roads programme is a state wide one, and are built by a number of agencies including local governments.

inventory of all such feeder roads existing at An end of 1991 with the responsible agencies compiled by the Rivers State Agricultural Development Programme. This inventory formed our sampling frame. initial decision was made to limit the field survey to 4 Local Government Areas, 2 each in upland and riverine parts of the State. On this basis, the sampling frame is given in Table 2.2. The roads are all supposedly constructed by DFRRI between 1987 and 1988 giving life-span of three to four years.

(i) Sample of the villages:

Two local government areas in each of the broad ecological zones of the State - Sagbama and Yenagoa Local Government Areas in the riverine area; Ahoada and Etche Local Government Areas in the upland area (See Figure 4) were chosen. The Local Government Areas were chosen on the basis of total length of DFRRI roads and number of communities served. Communities covered in a 30% sample survey are 12. Three villages were selected per local government area spread out to ensure that each settlement size range indicated in Table 2.3 is represented in our sample (See Fig. 5)

(ii) Sample of Respondents:

It was decided to interview a total of thirty persons per settlement bringing the total number of respondents in the sample to 360. All respondents were chosen from the age group of 20 years and above.

This is very important as the respondents were used as the "reflexive control" group such that they were old enough to give information on a pre-intervention period. Women who constitute 51% of the rural population from age 20 year and above, according to estimates of the rural population structure of the State, were proportionately represented in the sample. Out of every 30 respondents in each community, 16 are women and 14 are men. Thus, of the 360 respondents there are 192 women and 168 men.

Also in a total of five villages, it was possible to interview a random sample of goods transporters. Total of such operators interviewed was forty-two.

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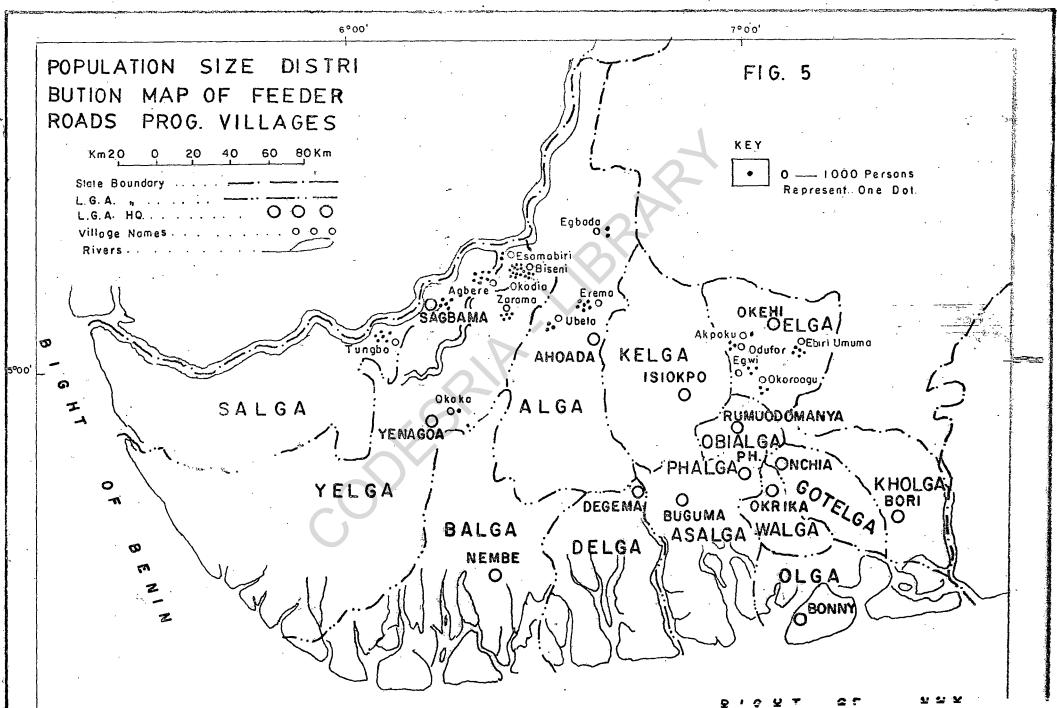


Table 2.4: Impact Assessment Criteria for Agricultural Extension Programme

Criterion	Indicator	Measure	
Income	1. Expansion of capacity	Increase in size of operations; employment of labour, use of tools and other inputs	
	2. Increase in income	(i) Purchase of household assets, purchase of inputs, loans granted	
	R	(ii) Income in 1987, 1990 and 1991	
Productivity	1. Reaching the target groups	Members of the target group reached by extension as a percentage of total group	
	2. Increase in productivity	Levels of production yields in relation to land cropped and labour input	
	3. Increase in initiative and independence opportunities	Number of target group who actively participate in field demonstrations, organize themselves in groups, request credit and other inputs, enquire about extension	

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Table 2.4 (Continued)

Criterion	Indicator	Measure
Social and Economic Welfare	1. Income Distribution	(i) Increase in size of operations, employment of labour as a result of receipt of extension services on the basis of income groups and gender between 1987 and 1991
		(ii) Purchase of means of transport; labour saving equipment and consumer durables, ownership of houses, renovation of buildings

Source: Adapted from Albrecht et al. (1989) p. 238

Table 2.5: RISADEP Agricultural Extension Programme
Circle Operational Bases Distribution

Local Government Area	Total No. of Blocks Within LGA	of Circles Within	Total No. of Circles Selected for Study	Total No. of Circle Operational Bases
Ikwerre	6	36	3	3
Etche	4	22	3	3
Sagbama	4	25	2	2
Yenagoa	4	26	3	3
TOTAL	18	107	11	11

2.2.3 <u>Sampling Procedure for the Agricultural Extension</u> <u>Programme</u>

For purposes of saving transportation costs, effective coverage and control of the research and comparison of effectiveness between programmes the same four local government areas covered in the first case study are the same for the second case study. Also as in the case of the roads programme, a two stage framework of sampling way adopted.

(i) Sample of Villages

The RISADEP has broken the state into two zones for its extension work. These are the Yenagoa zone for riverine areas and the Nchia zone for upland areas. Within Yenagoa zone are seven Local Government Areas. Each zone is then sub-divided into blocks and then circles. One extension agent is assigned to each circle and is based at the circle operational base. As at the time field work commenced a village listing exercise embarked upon has not been published by RISADEP, thus it was not possible to obtain the actual number of villages per circle. However, on the average, a circle covers about 8 to 10 villages.

The circle operational bases are therefore taken as the sampling frame for the field survey (See Table 2.5). The total number of circles are 107 giving us 107 circle

10% sample gives 11 villages. operational basis. A the local Government Areas, 4 the across distribution is as shown in the table and Fig. 6. (ii) Sample of Respondents

in the case of the feeder roads, the respondents were used as the reflexive control group, therefore only those from age 20 years and qualified. Also, the 49% percentage distribution between female and male Thus, of the total of respondents was adhered to. respondents interviewed in each of the eleven locations, Wherever the and 14 are men. circle 1.6 are women operational base, coincided with the same community which a DFRRI road project had been previously evaluated, In the cases of Egwi, Umuechem, and that base was taken. Akpoku, all in Etche Local Government Area, this was not possible, and these settlements were selected on their own merit as circle operational basis.

2.2.4 <u>Measurement and Indicators For School-to-Land</u> <u>Programme</u>

This is a rural youth employment programme geared towards productive job creation in agriculture.

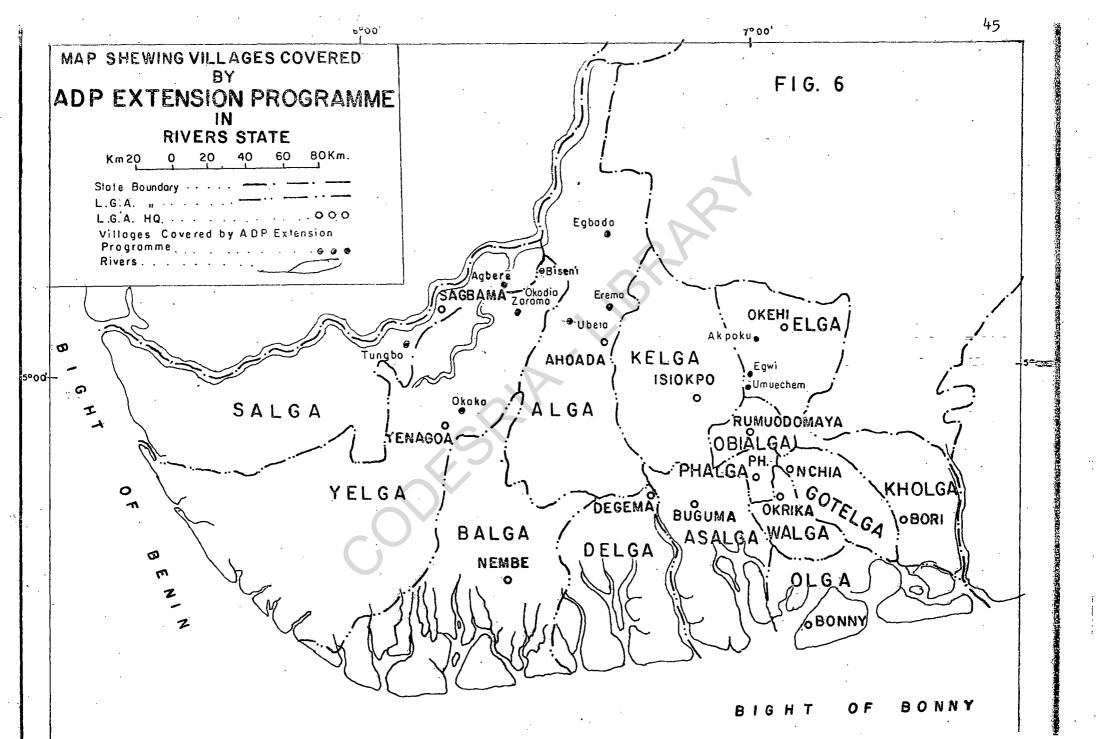


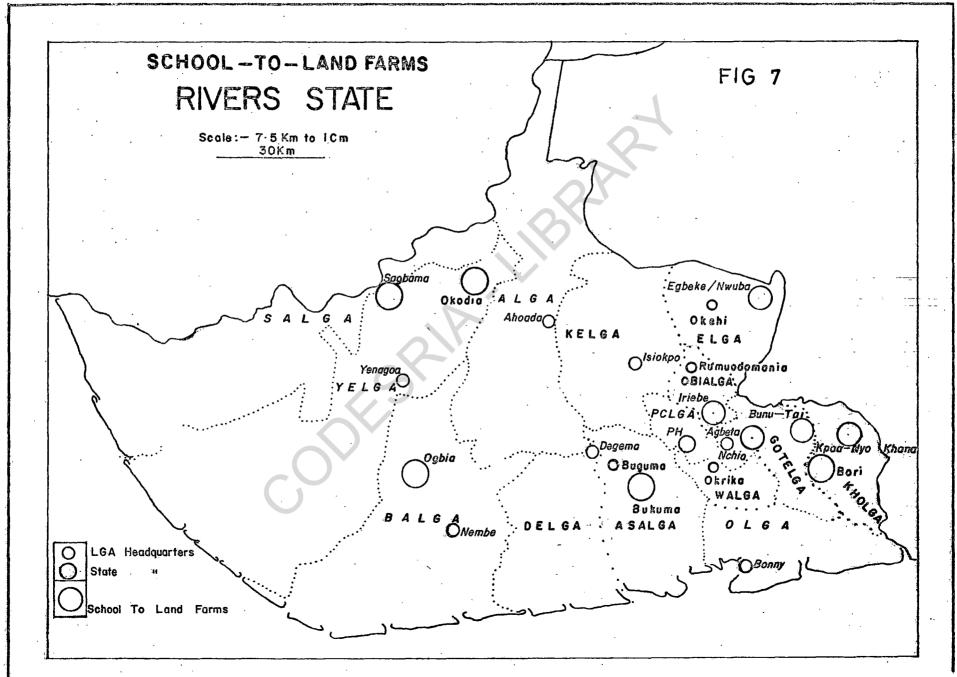
Table 2.6: Impact Assessment Criteria for School-to-Land Programme

Criterion	Indicator	Measure
Income	(i) Improved employment opportunities for young school leavers	(i) Number of school leavers employed from 1987 to date as a proportion of total number of secondary school leavers registering for the programme
	(ii) Income (Naira)	(ii) Income of School-to-Land farms
Productivity	(i) Increase in food production	Yields on School-to-Land farms
Social and Economic Welfare	Creation of new generation of farmers	Number of school leavers who were employed as compared to those who have remained in the programme from 1987 to date

Table 2.7: Sampling Frame for School-to-Land Programme Impact Assessment

Location	Local Government Area	No. of Young Farmers
Sagbama Okordia * Bukuma * Ogbia Bunu-Tai Egbeke-Nwuba * Agbeta * Bori New Town Kpaa	SALGA YELGA DELGA YELGA GOTELGA ELGA ALGA KHOLGA KHOLGA	27 62 24 26 92 81 40 59
Total	9	549

Note: The training farm at Iriebe is not included * Farms covered in field survey



2.2.5 Sampling Procedure For School-to -Land Programme

the School-to-Land programme, a simple sampling procedure was adopted as it was not possible to have the data on young farmers on the basis of gender. What was made available by the authority was the number young farmers settled on the farms as at December This constituted our sampling frame (see Fig. 5). 1991. keeping with our ecological zonation, four local government areas were selected for questionnaire and Degema LGAs administration. These were Yenaqoa the riverine zone and Etche and Ahoada in the upland zone. Finally, the farms in our sample include Bukuma, Egbeke-Nwuba and Agbeta. A simple Okordia, sampling method was used to administer questionnaires. Out of the total of 207 young farmers said to be settled on the four farms in the sample, 90 representing 43.48% were actually identified during field survey and formed the sample population.

2.3 <u>Instrumentation and Data Collection</u>

There were two main sources of data for this research:
Primary and Secondary.

(i) Primary Sources: Questionnaires

Primary source of data for this research include the administration of questionnaires, scheduled interviews and personal observations. The questionnaires for the feeder roads and the agricultural extension programmes are designed into three parts (see Appendices I and II).

The first part was designed to provide general the respondent - age, educational information on occupational status. The second part dealt with local level organization participation and group reaction to The third part focused on the individual the programme. respondent's personal experience of the programme, Two questionnaires were designed for the School-to-Land The first questionnaire (Appendix III) programme. focused on the communities in which farms were located. second questionnaire focused on participants in the farm project (Appendix IV).

Interviewing in principle appear to be simple but in practice is far from so. Problems of suspicion were usually encountered first particularly from female respondents. Then there was problem of outright refusal to provide information to attempts to evade the information particularly that on income.

Responses such as "cannot quite remember as it was long time ago" were sometimes used as techniques. Another problem was that of units measurement used in estimating land size and volume of For instance, the local measurement of output. land in Sagbama and Yenagoa Local Government Areas "Fathoms" equivalent to 2 square yards of wrapper people tied. Also a barn of yam measured 25 yams tied by length across a width of ten such strips brings the estimate to 250 yams, per barn. In estimating farm land the size of the primary School football field was used as a standardized measure since in planning practice one football field is estimated at approximately 1 hectare. Wherever possible local contacts either local School teachers or office workers and University students were used as interpreters and field assistants.

(ii) Primary Sources: Interview Shedules

Interview schedules were designed and used for data gathering from local groups, chiefs and persons considered principal actors in the planning and implementation of the three programmes at agency level (see Appendices V and VI).

(iii) Secondary sources:

Secondary sources of information include published materials, government records; annual report of agencies, daily newspapers and official publications of state and federal governments.

2.4 Data Analysis

Data analysis used both description and inferential statistics. data were coded and processed The raw through the SPSS + PC (Statistical package for science Personal computed procedure cross-tabulations, product moment correlation; multiple regression analysis and a range of non-parametric test statistics. Forty eight variables were processed for the

feeder roads Impact Assessment Analysis out of the 61 questionnaire items administered. The other questionnaire items subjected to manua1 were computations. The Agricultural Extension programme utilized a total of thirty-one categorical variables. Test statistics were tested for statistical alpha level of 0.01 level significance at an to reject criterion. The decision rule was the null statistic was greater hypothesis if the computed test than the table value; and to accept the null hypothesis if the computed value to the test statistic was less than descriptive table value. The and inferential analysis of each variable of the research questions is discussed in the individual programme case hypotheses study chapters.

Money incomes were in the case of the Agricultural extension programme converted to 1985 base year using the rural consumer price indices as published by the Central Bank Statistical Bulletin thus making all such income values directly comparable.

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CHAPTER 3

REVIEW OF RELEVANT RESEARCH AND THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Introduction

This chapter is divided into three sections. In the first section, the discussion of relevant research draws on empirical studies in different parts of Nigeria, and other scholarly arguments that have sought to explain the underlying problems of rural development efforts. This section is thus an attempt to set the discussion within the context of broad themes. The second section of the chapter is an exposition of relevant theory with attempts to define rural development and discuss its objectives. The third and final section of this third chapter is an attempt to build an analytical framework that would form the context in which data is to be analysed and elaborated.

3.2 <u>Basic Issues in Rural Development and Planning in Nigeria</u>

Several studies from the early 1970s to date have sought either to highlight the living conditions of the rural population in Nigeria or to examine the achievement of interventions in rural areas. The general theme much of rural research have been to provide explanations for the failures to achieve objectives of rural development in Nigeria. attempt, studies have focused on three areas. These include, resource allocation to rural areas; the process of planning and implementing rural development programmes; and the impact of these programmes.

3.2.1 Resource Allocation and Urban Bias

Quite a few studies have suggested that rural development problems in Nigeria derive from the way in which over the years government have neglected rural areas in terms of its public investment pattern. This has further been attributed to the development strategy of the country adopted at independence.

The earliest of these studies were by Diejomaoh and (1972). From his study of financial Aluko both in in the first and second National Development allocations and 1970-74 respectively; Diejomaoh 1962-68 less than 40% concluded that of total government expenditure was actually designed for the benefit of More recently, Okowa rural communities. (1987)analysed the rural/urban dichotomous pattern of financial allocation, for the 1962 to 1980 period and argued the pattern sustains the urban bias thesis in Nigeria's development planning. Specifically in the Rivers State arqument has been strengthened by findings expenditure and personnel distribution in health care delivery (Krukrubo, 1987) and in water supply by Domkpe and Obinna (1987).

a related vein, this pattern of allocation has been attributed to the industrialization strategy adopted the main thrust of the nation's development independence. The industrialization strategy had been one of import substitution in which raw materials, all imported machinery and management were Committee Report, 1984). The corollary of this situation was a pattern of industrialization that was not able to linkages with establish necessary sectoral predominantly agricultural rural sector. In spite of the strength of such arguments, Nwaka (1988) presents counter argument contending that a careful analysis the Nigerian historical experience would show a romantic the rural attachment to areas and consequent anti-urbanism. "Nigeria has not been ideologically committed to rural development as say socialist China or Tanzania; but successive political leaders and regimes have cried wolf about rural decay and the `pernicious effects' of urbanisation" (Nwaka, 1988: 4). Furthermore, suggests and rightly so, that very little if disappointing record of rural performance can be blamed on urban bias. This last idea is to some extent correct in as much as it points out basic weakness in the underlying assumptions of the urban bias thesis. such weakness is the assumption that more resources

necessarily imply better programme performance in rural areas. Experience with more recent projects do not lend credence to this view. For instance, between 1979 and 1983 the Federal government spent 2.1 Billion naira on its River Basin Development Authorities (Okafor, 1985). Other more fundamental criticisms of the urban bias thesis are its failure to question the appropriateness of programme responses and its failure to address the issue of who actually benefits from whatever expenditure are incurred in the name of rural development.

3.2.2 <u>Management of Rural Development Programmes and</u> Policy Implementation

In an important review of rural development policies and programmes in Nigeria, Onibokun (1983) argued that the overriding objective has been to improve living conditions with the ultimate purpose of stemming rural-urban migration. Many of the programmes failed to achieve their objectives because of the following:

- (a) their elitist orientation and the non-participation of the people who should be the focus of such programmes;
- (b) the lack of commitment to the programmes and instability in institutional support;

- (c) inappropriate conceptualisation of the programmes especially the phenomenon of over-ambition and mismanagement, and
- (d) the fact that the programmes failed to benefit the people in the rural areas.

The conclusions reached by Onibokun are those borne several other studies. Okafor in his assessment of the performance of the River Basins in proffering solutions to Nigeria's food crisis identified key problem including, "the high technological and characteristic of Nigeria's RBDAs, excessive centralization of operations, inadequate funding of the and operations, the attitudes important most behaviour of management." (Okafor, 1985: 416). Other studies that confirm Onibokun's submissions are those of Bamisaye (1985) and Idachaba (1984) on the Operation Feed Nation (OFN) policy implementation process. Whereas Bamisaye asserts that the objectives of the OFN were clear and it was, simply stated, to make Nigeria selfsufficient in food production, Idachaba contends that in as much as the country had no food policy, the OFN lacked policy frame, was hurriedly conceived and executed. The programme was launched in April, 1976. Ιt essential components. three These were:distribution of inputs on highly subsidized basis; the establishment of seed multiplication centres nationwide and the improvement of rural roads to facilitate transportation. In addition, a programme of mass mobilization was embarked upon to promote the OFN policy.

order to implement the programme, the Federal government decided on a decentralized administrative structure. At the national level was the supreme body the national council of OFN with a composition of including the Chairman who was the Chief members Staff, Supreme Military Headquarters. All the members were part of the Federal Executive Council. function was to evolve a national OFN policy and to coordinate the work of State Councils. Directly below this body was the national committee, with a membership nine nominated professionals. The States carry out key aspects of the implementation. The States also had their State Councils on OFN made up governor military as Chairman and other political appointees; and а State Committee consisting of Professionals. This dual structure led to serious conflicts that impeded implementation.

In a critique of the programme, it was noted that:

OFN programme, like all mass mobilization mass awareness programmes, had serious and conceptual and operational problems, The concept of turning all and sundry' into emergency farmers with access to heavily subsidized fertilizers and other inputs, cultivate every available patch of land' land' was fundamentally faulty and enormously wasteful. As it turned out, the incremental output justify the cost. The programme illustrated vividly the divergence between intended and actual beneficiaries of public and other while fertilizer policies: and transporters gained enormously, merchants consumers gained little or nothing in the form of reduced foods the input of which banned or severely restricted reaped colossal rents while consumers paid dearly for (Idachaba, 1984: 12).

Again according to Idachaba, elements of the food plan were picked haphazardly and executed without regard interrelatedness of programme components; especially the decision to implement elements that were considered the easy which was the procurement and distribution fertilizers while ignoring the more demanding components such as the construction of rural feeder roads targeted 26,000 km nationwide. In a about similar vein, Bamisaye suggests that the campaign strategy was faulty as it failed to reach the farmer in rural areas, having been confined to radio and television media.

It is for reasons such as the above which ultimately lead to failures, that scholars have questioned the ultimate objectives of some rural development programmes

(Wallace, 1981; Oculi, 1984) and also queried whether in fact the problems lie in implementation per se. As carefully noted, "failures are too easily attributed to bad policy implementation. When failures are repeated we should enquire more deeply into assumptions underlying policies, and when successes are announced we should be cautious enough to ask for whom it was a success."

(Williams, 1980: 148).

Another obvious management problem is that of discontinuities and abandonment with programme attendant multiplicity of agencies presenting serious problems of control and co-ordination in implementation. succession of one initiative by another does not necessarily allow for the previous experiences to inform and shape current programme ideas. The results are often the creation of additional bureaucratic institutions, all making demands on scarce financial and manpower resources.

3.2.3 <u>Rural Development Programmes Impact</u>

Clearly there has been no dearth of rural development programme initiatives at federal and regional or even local levels in Nigeria. What has been lacking is the positive impact of programmes particularly that of helping the small farmer and other low income rural people including the women. To highlight the key issues

that have been raised by several researchers, the following discussion will draw mainly on the experience with River Basin Development Authorities (RBDAs) and Agricultural Development Programmes.

River Basin Development Authorities (RBDAs) were established in Nigeria beginning from 1976 to boost local food production and stem the tide of escalating food importation. Over the years both its organization in terms of geographic scope and range of functions have undergone revisions but the essential objective of the programme remains food production. According to the Decree that set it up the functions of the authorities are as follows:

"(1) construct and maintain dams, dykes, wells, boreholes, irrigation and drainage channels; (2) develop irrigated schemes for the production of crops and (3) lease the irrigated land to livestock; farmers recognised associations in the locality of the concerned; (4) develop fisheries; (5) process crops and livestock; (6) resettle persons affected by their works and schemes; (7) develop land for mechanized cultivation crops; including forestry; and (8) establish ranches for cattle and other species of livestock and process livestock products for consumption." (Okafor, 1985: 416).

A subsequent decree in 1987 removed the agricultural function of fisheries, forestry, crops and livestock resources development but by this time, the various RBDAs nationwide had been in the business of food production for about eleven years, a sufficiently long time for their impact in this direction to assessed.

their different assessments of RBDAs impact Tn food production Salau (1986) and Okafor (1985) mainly negative effects that derive from a number of factors ranging from faulty programme designs, institutional weaknesses and poor management, to wrong conceptualization of the objectives of rural development. In the first instance, the programme concept was on large scale was based introduction irrigation mechanized, agriculture. The farming practices it sought to introduce were too capital intensive and technically complex for the small farmers to willingly imbibe. Large scale irrigation involved the appropriation of the small holdings of small peasants without adequate if any compensation being paid.

In other cases, the damming of rivers led to the loss of the fertile (fadama) traditionally farmed by river bed irrigation. The Bakalori dam led to the loss of the homes and farms of over 13,000 people and whereas only 25,000 Ha of land were irrigated, 24,000 ha of fertile land were

(Salau, 1986). Ιt is even more devastating when lost irrigated under authorities schemes land the subsequently allocated in ways that benefit absentee farmers and rich peasants and completely marginalizes the small farmer. This is apart from the unjustifiable expenditure in the cost of irrigation. patterns of Clearly the bulk of the money went to components such as cars, office buildings and houses that did not benefit those for whom the programme was initially designed.

Apart from the problem with land, the top-down planning process isolated the small farmer process. Farmers decision-making were expected radically change their cropping patterns, even the crops they grew and generally subjugate their that immediate interests and survival to the authorities' long term objectives. There was certainly an incongruity between the programme expectations and the reality of the small farmers socio-economic status. Many management's actions such as their dictating to farmers grow wheat rather than their local staples; their refusal to allocate parcels of land to farmers because what they had requested was smaller than the size the authority had decided, can be regarded as infringements on the sensibilities of the small farmer. The totality of impact was such that negated the basic objectives of

development which is to focus on the well-being of Many of small farmer. the shortcomings of RBDAs seem to have been duplicated operations Agricultural Development Programmes (ADPs). Initially established from 1975 with assistance from the World Bank Funtua, Gusau, Gombe, Ayanabe and Lafia, the ADPs now The Rivers State all States in Nigeria. cover Agricultural Development Project (RISADEP) came on stream ADPs represent the first major attempt 1988. integrated rural development planning in Nigeria. ADPs have four programme components as exemplified by These are Crop, livestock and fisheries RISADEP. infrastructure; input development; rural supply distribution; agricultural credit and marketing and on farm small scale processing.

Although no major study has assessed the impact of the programmes of RISADEP in its four years of operation, number of the older ADPs have been the subject considerable investigation. Α study of the Agricultural Development Project (FADP) By Mahmud (1980) showed that 133 or 0.2% large farmers alone controlled about 14.2% of the area's arable land, with 3 of [531.37 Hectares] having an average of The composition of this group showed 19 of them were civil servants; 10 were retired bureaucrats and army officers while the remaining 104 are business men and

rich peasants (cited in Nkom, 1981). Ιt also was observed that apart from the unacceptably high cost of many of the programmes, the planning and implementation involved either the direct participation or mediation of international funding agencies network of like the World Bank, Multinationals, local and national elites in and out of government (Oculi, 1984; Nzimiro, 1986). failure of the FADP can be summed up in the reaction one time Kaduna State governor, Balarabe Musa, who in rejected the N100 million World Bank loan which 1980 of the investment have formed part capital required for financing the state wide integrated In a well-publicised statement development programme. the governor explained that one of the terms of the loanrequired vesting the management of the programme in hands of expatriate staff, a move he said could not augur for the lives and destiny of millions of Nigerian The governor's criticism was in line with various comments on the FADP by the New Nigerian (a daily Newspaper, published in Kaduna) which had in editorials published on the 16th and 17th of March, 1978, criticized the emphasis given by the project "progressive" and "large-scale' farmers by the (cited in Nkom, 1981).

Adelakun (1986) in his own study of the Lafia ADP (cited in Alubo, 1987), summarized the impact as being beneficial in the areas of water supply and feeder roads construction in the project area. Generally the negative impact surpasses the two positive ones stated above. Adelakun attributes this to the class bias in-built into the project is capital the project design. First intensive and therefore inputs are highly commoditised. The poor farmers who are the most in need of credit facilities from the project to participate effectively in project are also the ones who have no access to such credit because of their lack of collaterals.

Attempts at explaining the nature of the impact rural development programmes have unearthed two related key areas of criticism. These are the inappropriate conceptualisation of the process of rural development by policy makers and the class character of the programmes 1987). Alubo explained that part of the wrong (Alubo, conception is the tendency on the part of policy makers regard rural development strategies and programmes as synonymous with agricultural programmes. led capital intensive usually irrigation-based programmes agricultural development nationwide. Furthermore he argues, that in terms of their design and implementation, these programmes appear to have

implicitly based on the modernization paradigm in which government agents are seen as the prime movers of development. This paternalism ends up leaving out the peasants. The implications are appropriately summed up by Hyden (1986).

Rural development is not only a social and material problem, but an intellectual one as well. To an extent that we are usually not ready to recognise, rural poverty and stagnation are the result of misperception and misinterpretation. These are not the failings of the rural people themselves ... The problem lies at precisely the other end of the social spectrum, with well-educated and well meaning advisers and functionaries who are meant to attend to rural poverty. (Hyden, 1986: 245)

3.3 Relevant Theory

3.3.1 The Meaning of Development

Our discussion of the relevant theory must start with the consideration of the concept of development itself since Akinbode points out, "rural development ramifies throughout the economy and society" (Akinbode, 14). The word 'development' has been widely and variously used and interpreted. Our discussion of the meaning of development will follow the changing historical perspective of the development idea (Mabogunje, 1982).

3.3.2 <u>Development as Economic Growth and the Lewisian</u> Rationale

1950s and 1960s, development was conceived as economic growth. Growth was measured in terms of gross national product (GNP). As long as sectoral growth rates led to increasing GNP, it was assumed that all was well as with an economy and with the people living in it. This development was the basis of the general notion of adoption of an industry-led development strategy. Nigeria almost all other developing countries share this The development strategy was pegged on the hope such urban industrial processes would ultimately the elimination of underdevelopment and rural lead to The rationale on which this hope was built can be traced to the Lewisian model of development. Lewis has suggested that industrial growth would draw (at least, at the initial stage) rural surplus labour. The sector was assumed to suffer from low productivity and that productivity was higher in the urban industrial sector. Profits generated by this higher productivity sector are reinvested, thereby sustaining the demand for rural surplus labour. The model assumes that a is reached in the out-flow of labour from lower wage rural agricultural sector when the labour forces up wages in the rural sector. It is this

process through which the benefits of industrial expansion trickles down to the rural areas. In the actual experiences of most LDCs this has not occured due to reasons elaborated in the subsequent subsection (3.3.3) of the discussion.

3.3.3 <u>Industrial Led Development: The Myth of the</u> Trickle-Down and Rural Poverty

The benefits of industrial growth are expected to trickle down to the rural sector through payments to labour. initial stages of industrialization, rural labour migrating to work in the urban industrial sector be paid a constant wage determined by the consumption level on the rural population plus a nominal extra to cover the additional costs of moving and urban living. However, with increasing industrialization, the demand for rural labour would continue up to the point where labour does not want to migrate from rural to urban at the prevailing wage rate. Without necessarily going into details of it, this point is the Lewisian turning point, "that is from the point where the market becomes tight and the wages upwardly mobile, benefits of industrial expansion begin to percolate through to the workers and the rural population through higher wage rates" (Saith, 1989:16).

rural experiences of many LDCs show that this occurred. Rather the overall impact industry-led development strategy has been urbanan biased pattern of resource allocation and the neglect of the agricultural sector on which majority of the rural populace depend for livelihood. This "immiserizing" marked by greater effect (Saith, 1989) is growth incomes between inter-personal differentiation in agricultural rural sector and the urban largely Focusing specifically on Nigeria's experience, Rauch (1984) has argued that productive forces within the Nigerian economy were developing in a way that did not allow for the vast majority of the people in either rural or urban locations to participate. Rauch attributes this to the accumulation process in peripheral capitalist economics.

3.3.4 Development as Modernization: The Rostowian Model One of the consequences of the notion of development as economic growth was that it easily became equated with modernization and nation building. This perspective followed the proposition by Rostow of his stage theory of economic development. All LDC economies were expected to follow the experience of developed countries moving from "traditional" to the modern economy in five transitory stages. The expectations of the Rostowian

model are historic and have not been borne out in reality. This is due to the dual-economy thesis that has been adequately expounded by the dependency school of thought. As summarized by Andre Gunder Frank (1970) that any adequate theory of development must learn from the past economic and social history of LDCs led to the present state of today's underdeveloped populations; particularly the experience of colonialism; and the economic and political relations between "metropolis" and its colonies within broader framework of an expanding internationalist capitalist system.

a critique of the modernization thesis, Frank As underdevelopment is not original arques that traditional and that neither the past nor the present of the underdeveloped countries resemble in any important the past of the now-developed countries. respect Furthermore, he argued that the dichotomy in levels of development that exist today either at an international scale or an intra-national scale within a single economy are both products of a single historical process capitalist development.

Another general criticism of the conceptualization of development as economic growth, or modernization is that development itself becomes an identifiable end-state. As rightly pointed out by Smith (1977),

"growth in its usual economic sense, simply means more of the same, or a different collection of goods valued more highly by the imperfect evaluation of market pricing opportunity cost measured by scarce resources used Growth means a larger cake without much reference to its ingredients and with no reference to who gets how big a slice." (Smith, 1977: 207). Ιt is also true that processes of economic growth can become the processes by injustice become institutionalized which social therefore perpetuated. Thus growth is concerned with quantitative changes per se. Development on the other include qualitative changes addressing the more fundamental issue of the distribution of benefits arising from the quantitative increases.

3.3.5 <u>Development as a Process of Transformation</u> Beginning from the 1970s, there is increasing consensus that development is a process.

Development is a process - a state of becoming. such it involves change. However, development is not just the situation at the beginning nor at the end of change. instead the on-going evolutionary transformation that modifies what exists at the beginning to what exists at a latter point (Hall, 1974; cited in Hoggart and Buller, 1987:25)

Most of the discussion in the literature have contended with what the process of transformation or change involves. Mabogunje (1977) has argued that the

transformation must involve a "painful and convulsive process of internal re-organization and adaptation", rather than the acquisition of gadgeteries and technologies from abroad. Transformation must remove those institutional and structural factors that hinder social change.

same vein, Hilhorst (1987) argues In the that long-term historical processes of societal change have resulted in socio-political and economic structures that imply unequal access, so that groups enjoy more material welfare and more influence than other groups. suggests are not inequalities he due to inherent differences in human potential but due to restrictions on realization of these potentials. "The societal process of shifting restrictions on the realization of human potential will be called development." (Hilhorst, 1987: 12). In elaboration, he proposes three dimensions the process of shifting restrictions. To this end, Hilhorst suggests that development has an operational meaning; a relational meaning and a comparative meaning. its operational dimension, it is the process by which group or groups take specific actions to remove definite constraints. The relational meaning covers such changes in the relative position of one group to another terms of society's prevailing social, economic and political structures. However, constraints in society do not affect all groups uniformly. Herein comes the comparative meaning of development. It has to do with the differences between groups in relation to given constraints.

The Nigerian government has itself provided a definition of development. As contained in the Guidelines to the Fourth Development Plan, this was:

True development must mean the development of man - the unfolding and realization of his creative potential, enabling him to improve his material conditions of living through the use of resources available to him. It is a process by which man's personality is enhanced; and it is that enhanced personality - creative, organized and disciplined - which is the moving force behind the socio economic transformation of any society. It is clear that development does not start with goods and things; it starts with people, their re-orientation, organisation and discipline. (Ministry of National Planning, 1980, p. 20).

If the government's definition is viewed in the light of Hilhorst's elaboration, there is need to recognize that the realization of human potential cannot be achieved without the recognition at individual, group and societal levels that constraints exist and that there are many different contexts in which these can manifest.

3.4 The Concept of Rural Development

The initial adoption of development as an economic growth thesis and the consequent sectoral approach to

development planning in less developed countries (LDCs) emphasized the relative contribution and the role of each economic sector to the growth of the national economy. Rural development was equated with development of the agricultural sector. As mentioned earlier the "trickle-down" industry to agriculture of from benefits of growth did not materialize. In line with the changing notion of development in the 1970s, the sectoral conception of rural development as synonymous with agricultural development was abandoned. development became concerned with all aspects and economy in addition rural land, society This new approach was more concerned with agriculture. growth and equity objectives and because in LDCs most of the poor lived in rural areas, it led to the adoption of distinct approach rural development as а to the development of the economy as a whole.

Many of the definitions of rural development were consequently proposed were attempts to synthesize growth and equity objectives of development. What as Dams (1982) identified, were three different term `rural development'. applications of the used to "refer to the process of development"; at other times as "a strategy" and describe "planning activities" other contexts to (Dams, 1982: 14).

(1975), The World Bank in its sector paper rural development as "a strategy designed to improve the economic and social life of a specific group of the rural poor. It involves extending the benefits of development to the poorest among those who livelihood in rural areas. The group includes small-scale farmers, tenants and the landless". Chambers (1983), criticized this definition on grounds that it excluded women and children as a special category of rural and failed to include the political dimension of control by the poor of the benefits of development. emerged from the World Bank's definition and variants of like those of Chambers is the shift in focus growth as an end in itself to growth as a means to an end with emphasis on distribution, inequality and poverty; with the identification of special groups considered especially vulnerable. With this shift also emerged different contextual positions with the result rural development became a normative concept. Points of contention included the question of approach, who should be involved, what should be the proper role of government in relation to that of the people.

Heyer et al (1981) for instance, have questioned the view often held in official circles that rural development is 'planned change' which involves public

agencies operating from outside the rural areas. The results they argue have been the design of programmes that are usually instruments of coercion rather than development; often offering inputs and welfare service packages aimed at soliciting increased production. The same conclusion has been reached by others. Williams (1986) has argued that in view of the fact that, rural development is done for peasants, and often to them, but is not done by them, it would be "more useful to define rural development by its institutional forms. It is an activity of government, supported by aid agencies, carried out as projects" (Williams, 1986: 11).

In contrast to the above the spatial dimension of rural development; one that is more concerned with appropriate framework for rural development planning has been emphasized by regional planners. (Friedmann and Weaver, 1979; Rondinelli and Ruddle 1978; Misra 1981; among others). The trend of their argument has been, that increased production and productivity in rural areas, required the support of a network of service and market centres which ought to be provided by the urban areas.

In keeping with the conclusions reached in our discussion of the meaning of development, rural development is a process. As Hoggart and Buller (1987)

involve added, this process must for rural increasing control over their circumstances. Ιf rural development is on "man" in and his on creative, productive and innovative potential, then the constraints which exist because of man's relationship to and social environments must be removed. physical The concept of rural development must therefore be a dynamic process of change in which these structures identified.

Structures could be social, as in the case value systems keep individuals and groups subordinate to others. They could be political reflecting power relation in society that guarantees those who have access to it, rights and privileges from which participation by is precluded. Structures could be economic, when access to productive resources is not possible or is In Fact structures can also be physical in cases where the fact of geographic location imposes constraints on productive activities. There is a cumulative linkage between these structural elements - in the sense society is consistent in the way one aspect of its organization is Those related to others. have political power are also those most likely to own considerable assets and ipso facto wield influence. The of rural development is therefore that

qualitatively and quantitatively transforms the individual and collective circumstances of the rural poor along the lines discussed above.

3.5 The Objectives of Rural Development Planning

The discussion so far, has been an attempt to advance the definition of rural development as a contextual issue. What emerges is that these definitions are mainly propositions on what rural development planning should aim to achieve. In this section, the approach adopted is to take the official government of Nigeria policy objectives for rural development and discuss these in the light of the literature.

The Federal Government's National Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI), has proposed the following objectives of rural development planning in the country:

- (a) To improve the quality of life and standard of living of the majority of the rural people in the rural areas, for example:
- (1) By substantially improving the quality, value and nutritional balance of their food intake;
- (2) By raising the quality of rural housing as well as the general living and working environment in the rural areas;
- (3) By improving the health conditions of the rural peoples;

- (4) By creating greater opportunities for human development and employment particularly self employment and consequently enhancing rural income levels;
- (5) By making it possible to have a progressively wider range and variety of goods and services to be produced and consumed by the rural people themselves as well as for exchange.
- (b) To use the enormous resources of the rural areas to lay a solid foundation for the security, socio-cultural, political and economic development activities of the rural areas to those of the Local Government Areas, the State and the Nation. (Koinyan, 1986: 1).

Further elaboration of the above aims emphasize three essential ingredients - growth; self-reliance and community participation. We shall discuss each of these in turn.

3.5.1 The Objective of Growth

Basically the statement of objectives is couched within a general strategy of basic needs with the improvement of health, housing and nutrition as necessary ingredients for the upliftment of rural quality of life. To support these improvements are those of employment and provision of goods and services. In section (b) however, the objective is one of promoting economic growth. Indeed,

this was clearly stated subsequently that "to achieve these objectives, there must be vastly increased and sustained rural productivity, growth and development. Indeed, a nation that does not embark on serious local production of a very large percentage of its requirements of goods and services by utilizing its own locally produced raw materials, indigenously developed/adopted technology and know-how as well as its own organizational skills, cannot lay claims to real growth and development. The place to start this transformation for greater productivity is in our rural areas, given their vast land and labour resources". (Koiyan, 1986).

on self-reliant Obviously, the emphasis here is In fact this objective is fundamental of the current initiative rural realization on development planning in Nigeria. There are two problems associated with it however. One is that self-reliant growth as an objective for rural development realized without supporting policies that operationalized simultaneously at regional and national levels especially in the area of choice in development implementation capabilities. strategies and Secondly, increased productivity and growth as objectives necessary but not sufficient for the realization of rural development. It is important to clarify the ends which growth must serve.

The whole argument on growth has been based on premise that increased output and productivity would lead increased incomes and that generally economic expansion which this stimulates would lead to a `trickledown' effect in which the benefits of this growth would reach the poor. This argument has not been sustained by empirical evidence. What has emerged is a situation economic growth has contributed to which increased differentiation in income levels with the rich `capturing' increased proportions of the benefits of this Collier, (1981) using results from fifty-three village level studies carried out in Nigeria with data covering the period between 1929 and 1979, showed that incomes of small-farmers were lower real in 1970's during the 'oil-boom' phenomena than in the period 1928 and 1964. Also between significant are the occurrence of leakages from rural economic growth to urban areas.

The other point of argument has been that structural conditions of inequality coupled with the concentration of political power in the hands of a minority, serve to ensure that the benefits of economic growth do not reach the poor. There is also enough evidence to support this view. The point remains however that increased productivity and economic growth are necessary for rural

development. What is required is for the process to be organized in ways that will benefit the poor. Certainly this calls for an examination of existing conditions the area inequality in of access to factors of This is a specific point of relevance for production. the conception of rural development as presented section 3.4.

issue that will need Another attention is the resource content of rural production. It is important to look at this from both the individual and community perspectives. At the individual level, a basic cause of low productivity is poverty. Polly Hill (1977) study of rural Hausaland in Northern Nigeria, argued that poverty was so pervasive that it was difficult comprehend how some managed to break out. She in spite of the abundance of fertile land, many men that "too poor to farm" adding that "poor men applied manure to their farms and obtained lower yields per less unit of effort; poor men had unremunerative types of non-farming occupation-poor men could seldom borrow money being considered bad risks" (Hill, 1977: 164). community level, the resource base from which productivity can be built has to be identified. rightly suggests that there are few resource poor

areas in Nigeria. There is also evidence that low productivity is partly a result of the production process, and how individuals relate to this (Nwankwo, 1987).

3.5.2 The Objective of Self-Reliance

"The Directorate makes bold to say that any development strategy that cannot help people to transform their immediate environment provide for themselves the quality and quality of the goods and services they require to make lives progressively more comfortable is It is the strong contention severely flawed. in the Directorate that every hamlet or village identifiable a population and however small each of these may be, effectively and efficiently turned into veritable unit for the required production and development effort. What we shall then do is install the required organisational structure and thereafter through effective mobilization get our people to maximise their resources to their immediate advantage and that of the nation." (Koinyan, 1986: 2-3).

The concept of self-reliance as stated is one that gives primacy to the people their knowledge, skill and their ability to use these to manipulate their environment for their own betterment. It derives from the awareness, for meaningful development, the initiative must from within. This view has been emphasized by 1986; Williams, 1989). others. (Hyden, For too long they point out, rural development has been seen as programmed packages of inputs and services delivered to the rural people with instructions. The new policy objectives for rural development propose to create an `enabling environment' (Hyden, 1986) such that local initiative can be fostered. Of all the stated objectives for rural development planning in Nigeria, those of self-reliance and participation are the essentially new ones. The concept of self-reliance must however go beyond people's mobilization and participation. It implies development from own resources; human and material.

There are three dimensions to the adoption of The first has to do with the pattern objective. interaction between institutions of government and the The old pattern where government agencies and the people were expected to follow must of necessity Under the new initiative, the people change. theoretically in control of the planning process-they set the goals, determine the priorities and essentially design their own programmes. Two issues that emerge but are not clarified in the official document are the role of public institutions would be in the dispensation; and (2) how the planning that will be done by local communities fits into the existing procedure for rural development planning.

The second dimension which is perhaps the most important of the three, is the political aspect. As noted by Galtung (1980), local self-reliance cannot be

achieved without corresponding efforts at national self-reliance. Patterns of interaction between localregional-national and international communities would have to be changed. New political attitudes that give decision-making at local level an appropriate place national planning have to be developed. Priorities for planning will then be based on local level decisions rather than as conceived by policy makers. Self-reliance goes beyond organizing for the use of local resources: this just the economic aspect. The politics of from an adoption of a development self-reliance comes philosophy that builds not only on local resources but on initiative. If national development planning is local in ways that contradict the very basis for local self-reliance in terms of production systems, then the application of the concept to rural development planning stillborn. This implies that the choice of options for national development planning must be done on the basis of local self-reliance.

The third dimension is that of the strategy which will facilitate this process of transformation. This is also a political problem in the sense that it requires a deliberate policy of developing and utilizing local technology and capabilities. The decision to adopt this approach and the commitment to stay with it will require political commitment at the national level.

3.5.3 The Objective of Community Participation

we wish, therefore, for genuine growth and development in Nigeria, we must pay very great and meticulous attention to the organization of of our communities, starting from the grassroots upward. To do this successfully, we first of all identify and understand how our peoples in the various parts of the country have traditionally been organised for their political socio-cultural, and economic activities. This understanding coupled with of modern application trends the organisational arrangements for productive should form the spring-board from which we can transform all our communities into virile, viable and conducive systems for mobilizing and directing all our national development efforts. This is crucial because it is growth people who build nations. (Koinyan, 1986).

The Directorate of Foods, Roads and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI) has proposed to achieve this particular objective through the active mechanism of decentralization and mobilization.

Decentralization is usually advocated to promote participation-by bringing decision making units nearer the people and thus providing them with a proper avenue for participation. Thus there are two processes-that of increasing decision making powers of administrative units lower down in the governmental hierarchy and that of involving the people in the actual process of decision making.

A related issue is whether participation necessarily increases the benefits to the disadvantaged. Evidence

from studies are inconclusive on the matter. Waddimba in an examination of evidence from several participation projects concludes that does necessarily increase the benefits accruing to the from such projects and that existing social and economic inequalities often operate to the disadvantage of the does decentralization Neither imply poor. per increased participation at local level. So much depends on the political processes that operate at local Perhaps more important than linking participation to decentralized administrative framework, is the need for government at all levels to recognize that meaningful participation should constitute an integral part of the rural development planning process. Thus, the need for the people to be mobilized is necessary for this purpose and it is that aspect which needs more attention.

fact that rural Nigeria is not a homogeneous social unit is one that is supported by several studies. In the case of gender, Pittin (1985) has demonstrated the case for rural Hausa women and how gender subordination affects relations in the work place. (1985)Gana on his study of local government, showed how decision making within local councils was dominated by community elites (both those based in urban areas and those who in rural areas). Also, the traditional the

rulership is not exempt from this pattern. Nzimiro (1986) has shown clearly how in fact traditional and chiefs in coalition with local elites have been party to the exploitation of poor peasants especially expropriating their land for multinational agriculture. participatory process. These complicate the The effective mobilization of people is a delicate process and must graduate from the arena of public rhetoric in order to be realized. Community participation in development could be exploitative especially given the inherent inequalities in society - with those who loudest and longest having the most say and diverting programmes to suit their specific interest.

3.5.4 Summary

The discussion in this section has attempted to highlight the relevance of the Nigerian government's objectives for rural development planning in the light of theoretical empirical considerations. The main contention has been that whereas the objective are relevant, there in which what several areas is proposed may not necessarily be appropriate or feasible. There are proposals that cannot be built on assumptions and would require greater clarity especially in terms of procedures organization. In terms of adequacy, the argument is that the objectives as presently defined are not ends in themselves but means to an end. From discussions in section 3.4 the ultimate objective for rural development

is the structural transformation of rural life, that increases the control people have over their individual and collective circumstances in order to achieve their full potential as human beings. In order to achieve this in many areas of policy government has to be clear as to what its aims are.

The objectives that have been discussed, are the most recent in a line of official statements of commitment to various objectives of rural development planning. In spite of rhetoric; these objectives are yet to fully realized. It can be suggested that some of the missing ingredients have been in the areas of appropriate strategies and of implementation.

3.6 Analytical Framework

Our analytical framework for this study will utilize the concept of the rural development environment. Essentially underlying rationale is that rural development activities are planned and executed within a societal and an institutional contexts. (Cloke, 1986). The institutional context of the rural development environment consists of the agencies, departments and offices and the principal officers who plan and execute the different programmes. The societal context of development environment consist of the different interest groups who influence and contribute decision-making.

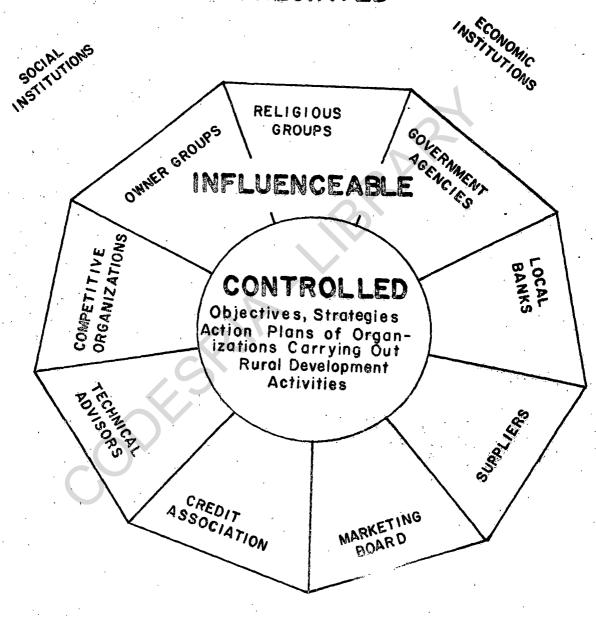
Smith, Lethem and Thoolen (1980) have brought the focus down to the specific rural development project, with concern for the environment in which the project is conceived and implemented. They argue that for effective performance of a rural development project, its design will follow from two things. These are:

- (a) identifying and understanding the environment in which the project will operate and;
- (b) clarifying the project objectives, identifying target groups and implementing agencies and sketching out for each of these groups, its purpose

and contributions to the broader project objectives Three levels of environment were identified for a development project. These are; the controlled the <u>influenceable environment</u>; <u>environment;</u> and the environment (Smith et al; 1980: 9). appreciated Figures and 9). The agency or organization responsible for the project has to contend with all three levels of environment in order to achieve project objectives. The "controlled" environment consists of the baseline activities that produce the results intended including the selection of objectives, strategies and actions. It is over these actions that the agency or department responsible for the specific project has the most control. The "influenceable" environment consists

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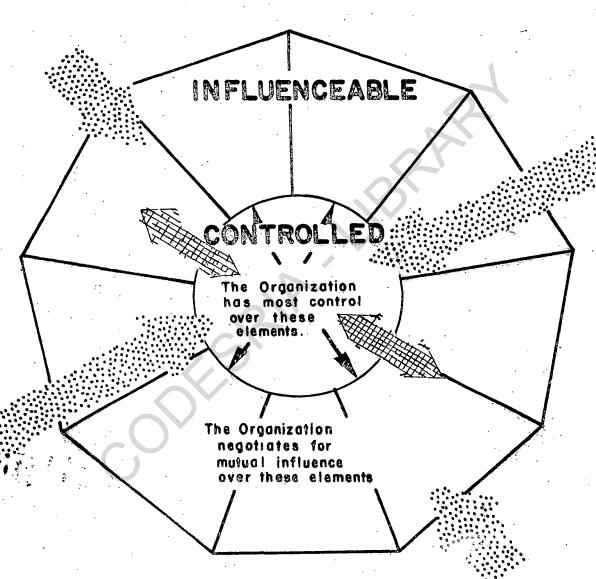
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FIG. 9

AN ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONS TO ITS ENVIRONMENTS

APPRECIATED



The Organization responds to the impact of these elements but has no direct influence.

of entities that are external to the programme's agency but whose activities influence the agency's performance. Such external entities have on going relationships with the programme's agency either as suppliers of inputs or consumers of output. Such entities can be other rural development agencies, individuals, co-operatives, and technical advisers. financial houses, The third level of the rural development environment is the "appreciated" environment. The elements that within the appreciated environment are beyond the control influence of the rural development programme's within the appreciated However, actions management. environment affect directly or indirectly the programme's performance. A sample of examples of elements within the appreciated environment include land tenure systems; research and technological breakthroughs and limitations; price policies; centralized nature of administration; finance; budgeting and procurement procedures affecting inputs to projects; government hiring policy.

For any project, the relative importance of each environment differs. Smith <u>et al</u> further suggest that the rural development system covers three levels of administration - the national, intermediate or regional

levels. conceptualizing local Therefore in environments those three levels of administration must be recognized. Furthermore they argue that the concept of the development environment implies that the rural implementation of a rural development planning and project is essentially a political process.

"This way of looking at organizing as a political process is equally applicable to the beneficiary, and is helpful in evaluating the performance of a rural development programme. Development has taken place if the beneficiary achieves any one or combination of the following:

- (a) He has more control over activities that contribute to his purpose. (He has more equipment, a marketable surplus that allows him to take risks).
- He has more influence over (b) the external environment. (He can bargain for supplies, has influence on the price he gets for his goods or where and how he markets them, he can forces with others increase his influence).
- (c) has more awareness οf the external environment he cannot control influence, and it how affects the achievement of his purpose. (He informed about the legal, technological economic, factors relevant to

work and way of life). development is defined in this way it is Ιf clear that development itself has a political dimension. Through development beneficiary increases his control and the influence over, and his appreciation of, his environment (Smith, Lethem and Thoolen, 1980: 17).

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CHAPTER 4

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS OF THE FEEDER ROADS PROGRAMME OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FOOD, ROADS AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE (DFRRI)

4.1. Programme Description

4.1.1 Historical Background

The general background of the feeder roads programme οf DFRRl can be traced to the recommendations of the ldachaba led team of researchers who had carried out nation-wide study for a "Food Production Plan for Nigeria" (ldachaba et al, 1984). A key recommendation was necessity of constructing 25,840 kilometres of rural feeder roads during the 1981-85 plan period to support the National Food Production plan. The recommendation ignored by the Federal government until 1986 following another national seminar, rural feeder roads became a national priority. Section 5; Sub-section (c) of Decree No.4 of April, 1987 created DFRRl with one of its objectives stated thus:

To formulate and support a national rural feeder road network programme involving construction, rehabilitation, improvement and maintenance especially in relation to the nation's food self-sufficiency programme as well as general rural development.

Prior to the DFRRl initiative, the first established attempts by the Federal government to give attention to feeder roads as part of a broader rural development endeavour was through the initial mandate given to the

River Basin Development Authorities, as contained in Section 4, Sub-section (k,i) of Decree No. 87 of 1979. Albeit this function has now been restricted by Section 4, Sub-section (d) in Decree No. 35 of 1987. Also, the Agricultural Development Project (ADPs) nationwide have under the various decrees setting them up, a mandate for the construction of rural feeder roads.

4.1.2 Feeder Roads Programme Coverage

Rivers programme covers the entire Directorate of Foods, Roads and Rural Infrastructure was expected to construct, re-construct and rehabilitate 850 km of rural feeder roads by June, 1987 under phase I the programme. The sum of N7.10 million was allocated with an extra N1 million for the construction of culverts and ecological problems. According to the State DFRR1 it completed the construction and rehabilitation of 311.15 km of rural feeder roads under Phase Ι (See Appendix VII) of the programme.

4.2 <u>Impact Analysis of Directorate of Foods, Roads,</u> and Rural Infrastructure Feeder Roads Programme

The analysis of the programme impact is done at two levels, that of the community as a whole and on the level of individuals within it on the basis of their income levels and gender. This introduces the element of differential impact.

4.2.1 Characteristics of Respondents

Various characteristics of respondents were documented from questionnaire analysis. These include age, sex, educational status, occupation and migration status. The age of respondents was important in as far as it helped identify those who by virtue of their age come within the reflexive control group. In Table 4.1, the age structure of respondents is shown.

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n or o		Sex of Respondents				
Age	Male	(%)	Female	(%)		
20 - 29 years 30 - 39 years 40 - 49 years 50 - 59 years Above 59 years	32 56 40 36 4	(19.05) (33.33) (23.81) (21.43) (2.38)	24 64 61 35 8	(12.5) (33.33) (31.77) (18.23) (4.17)		
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)		

Table 4.1: Age of Respondents

For both sexes, 33.33% of respondents come within the 30-39 years age group; while 23.81% and 31.77% respectively are of the age group 40 -49 years. Those over 59 years of age are remarkably low averaging 2.38% for males and 4.17% for females.

Another characteristic of the respondents is their migration status. Respondents were asked to indicate the number of years in which they have lived in the locality. This information was necessary as our respondents are to serve as reflexive control group and therefore had to provide information on pre-programme or baseline

conditions. Table 4.2 shows that the majority of respondents 77.38% males and 67.19% females had lived in the local community for over 15 years. In fact our experience showed that respondents were either indigenes of the village or had worked there for several years or had been married into the village.

Table 4.2: Length of Stay In Locality

Voors of Char	Sex of Respondents			
Years of Stay	Male	(%)	Female	(%)
1 - 5 years 6 - 10 years 11 - 15 years over 15 years	10 18 10 130	(5.95) (10.71) (5.95) (77.38)	10 28 25 129	(5.21) (14.58) (13.02) (67.19)
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)

Analysis of the educational status of our respondents Table 4.3, shows a largely illiterate female population comprising 57.81% of all female respondents. Interestingly 12 males and 3 females reported having had tertiary institution level education.

Table 4.3: Educational Status

Level of Education	Sex of Respondents				
Level of Education	Male	(%)	Female	(%)	
None Primary School Secondary/Commercial	25 66	(14.88) (39.29)	111 43	(57.81) (22.40)	
School Teacher Training/	41	(24.40)	24	(12.50)	
Vocational School Polytechnic/	24	(14.29)	11	(5.73)	
University	12	(7.14)	3	(1.56)	
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)	

In terms of occupational classifications, respondents are predominantly farmers. A breakdown of the data shows that 75% males and 80.73% of females depend entirely on farming for their source of livelihood. However only 2.38% of the males and 1.04% of females depend entirely on fishing. Interestingly more men and women 24 and 6 respectively combine fishing and farming. The other occupation more predominant among females is trading. Table 4.4 provides the detailed breakdown.

Table 4.4: Occupational Status

Occupation	Sex of Respondents			
Occupation	Male	(%)	Female	(%)
Farming Fishing Farming and Fishing Trading Farming and Trading Artisan and Handicraft	126 4 24 3 1	(75) (2.38) (14.29) (1.79) (0.60)	155 2 6 12 11	(80.73) (1.04) (3.13) (6.25) (5.73) (1.56)
Farming and Handicraft Local Manufacturing Farming & Local Manufacturing Others (Civil Servant, etc)	- 1 - 3	- (0.60) - (1.79)	2 -	(1.04)
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)

An important aspect of individual and community life on which data was collected was the participation of respondents in local organizational activities. 51.19% of male respondents and 52.08% of females respondent were actively involved in the activities of some local organization. In Table 4.5 the details are shown.

Table 4.5: Participation in Local Organizational activities

Dantidination		Sex of Respondents			
Participation	Male	(%)	Female	e (%)	
Yes No	86 82	(51.19) (48.81)	100 92	(52.08) (47.92)	
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)	

Most of these organizations are societies for married women; age grade societies and town development unions.

4.2.2 Impact of DFRRI Feeder Roads on Rural Incomes

Impact of the feeder roads on rural incomes is measured by three key indicators. These as shown in Table 2.1 are:

- (i) a net increase in incomes in the post-programme period compared to the pre-programme income;
- (ii) increase in size of farm holdings and other units of production;
- (iii) a net increase in land prices attributable to the programme intervention.

Data on the income of respondents was collected for 1987 and 1991/92 when the fieldwork was done. Summary of the data collected are presented as Tables 4.6 and 4.7 below. There is need to be cautious in our interpretation of income data since the measurement of income is perhaps one variable most subject to incorrect reporting. Also, income measures are not easily directly comparable between different time periods due to the factor of inflation. These are reasons that make the use of other more direct measures of programme impact on income necessary for a more objective analysis. In spite of the

Table 4.6 Average Annual Income of Respondents in 1987

	Male		Fema	le	Total	
Income	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	%
₩100 - ₩299	15	(4.17)	26	(7.22)	41	(11.39)
₩300 - ₩499	18	(5.00)	31	(8.61)	49	(13.61)
₩500 - ₩799	22	(6.11)	28	(7.78)	50	(13.89)
№800 - №999	38	(10.56)	28	(7.78)	66	(18.33)
₩1000+	70	(19.44)	75	(20.83)	145	(40.28)
Non-Response	5	(1.39)	4	(1.11)	9	(2.50)
Total	168	(46.47)	192	(53.33)	360	(100)

Table 4.7 Average Annual Income of Respondents in 1991/92

	Male		Fem	ale	Total	
Income	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	%
№100 - №299	5	(1.39)	20	(5.56)	25	(6.94)
₩300 - ₩499	10	(2.78)	11	(3.06)	21	(5.83)
₱500 - ₱799	20	(5.56)	32	(8.89)	52	(14.44)
№800 - №999	26	(7.22)	25	(6.94)	51	(14.17)
№ 1000+	102	(28.33)	100	(27.78)	202	(56.11)
Non-Response	5	(1.39)	4	(1.11)	9	(2.50)
Total	168	(46.47)	192	(53.33)	360	(100)

limitation, the use of income data as directly reported by respondents is still important. Income cuts across several other variables in the study such as productivity and is antecedent on them. Thus when such variables are analysed, we can also make some references to income albeit indirectly.

Comparative analysis of the income earned respondents for 1987 and 1991/92 used cross-tabulations, the chi-square test of independence and correlation. In order to put the analysis in a proper context, hypothesis and re-state the relevant then draw sub hypotheses from it as different facets of the study are subsequently addressed.

The relevant hypothesis here is thus: "The DFRRI feeder roads have not led to positive change in the social and economic welfare of small-scale farmers and other low income people especially women in the localities that they serve".

Sub-Hypothesis (i):

 ${\rm H}_{\rm O}\colon$ There is no significant difference (\$\alpha = 0.01\$) between the 1987 and 1991/92 annual incomes of rural people.

 ${
m H_{\dot{1}}}:$ There is a significant difference (lpha=0.01) Decision: Accept ${
m H_{O}}$ if the critical value is greater than calculated value. Reject ${
m H_{O}}$ if calculated value is greater than critical value.

Table 4.8: Cross-Tabulation of Income for 1987 and 1991/92

	Observed (1987)		Expected (1991/92	
Income	Male	Female	Male	Female
N100 - N299	15	26	5	20
N300 - N499	18	31	10	11
N500 - N799	22	28	20	32
№800 - №999	38	28	26	25
№ 1000+	70	75	102	100
Total	163	188	163	188

Note: All non-responses have been dropped from the analysis

$$\begin{array}{l} (f_{O}-f_{e})^{2} \\ x^{2} = \Sigma & ----- \\ f_{e} \\ df = (R-1)(C-1) = (5-1)(2-1) = \underline{4} \\ x^{2} = 20 + 6.4 + 0.2 + 5.54 + 10.04 + 1.8 + 36.36 + 0.5 + 0.36 + 6.25 \\ = 87.45 \end{array}$$

Tabulated x^2 value at 0.01 (df = 4) = 13.277

We thus reject H_O and state that there is a significant difference in incomes; implying that over the years following the construction of the Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructures feeder road, incomes have changed. However, we cannot immediately conclude that incomes are higher in 1991/92. A simple indication of the direction of change of income can be obtained from the correlation matrix. Correlation analysis gives an r value of 0.4647 with significance at the 0.001 level, indicating that the change has been positive. (See Correlation matrix in Appendix VIII).

Respondents gave various reasons to explain their income situation. These are presented in Table 4.9.

Table 4.9: Reasons for Differential Income Between 1987 and 1991/92

Reason		Response			
		(왕)	No	(%)	
Increase in output Increase in volume of sales Higher prices of goods Diversification of employment Increase in cost of land	66 79 146 46 256	(18.3) (21.9) (40.6) (12.8) (71.1)	257 190 290	(75.0) (71.4) (52.8) (80.6) (28.9)	

The most important variable affecting respondents' income situation is the cost of land where 71.1% stated this had affected their incomes. This appears to been compensated for to some extent by the higher prices obtained from sale of the produce. What determines the income of the farmer is not necessarily DFRRI construction but the level of economic activities in the local environment. Generally in Nigeria, the prices agricultural products have gone up markedly. That 40.6% of respondents indicated increase in prices as being important in explaining their income differential between 1987 and 1991/92 is significant. Cross-sectional data presented in Tables 4.10 and 4.11 show the relationship between 1987 base incomes and increase or non-increase in the size of land-holding.

Table 4.10: Cross-Tabulation of Annual 1987 Incomes and No Increase in Size of Land Holding After DFRRI Road Programme

Income in 1987	Male	(%)	Female	(%)	Overall %
N100 - N299	10	(2.78)	24	(6.67)	9.45
₹300 - ₹499	12	(3.33)	26	(7.22)	10.55
N500 - N799	17	(4.72)	22	(6.11)	10.83
₩800 - ₩999	24	(6.67)	24	(6.67)	13.34
N1,000 and above	45	(12.5)	59	(16.39)	28.89
Not Applicable/	j				
Non-Response	3	(0.83)	1	(0.28)	1.11
Total	111	(30.83)	156	(43.33)	74.17

Table 4.11: Cross-Tabulation of Annual 1987 Incomes and increase in Size of Land Holding After DFRRI Road

Programme

Income in 1987	Male	(%)	Female	(%)	Overall %
N100 - 299	5	(1.39)	2	(0.55)	1.94
№ 300 - 499	6	(1.67)	5	(1.99)	3.06
₹1500 - 799	5	(1.39)	6	(1.67)	3.06
№ 800 - 999	12	(3.33)	4	(1.11)	4.44
N1,000 and above	21	(5.83)	15	(4.17)	10.00
Not Applicable/			ŀ		
Non-Response	8	(2.22)	4	(1.11)	3.33
Total	57	(15.83)	36	(10.00)	25.83

Analysed on the basis of income groups and gender, data would indicate that the lower the income, the less able the respondent's ability to increase size of land-holding more so if respondent is female. This brings us to the use of the increase in size of productive unit as a measure of programme impact on income. Only 25.83% of

respondents agreed that they have increased the size of their holding due to the construction of the road. 74.17% say they have not. While, the overall figures are important, the amount of increase in size of land holding is even more important.

The distribution of respondents reported who increases in size of land holdings was analysed. A total of 93 respondents or 25.83% claim to have increased sizes of their land holdings due to the construction of feeder roads in their villages. Of this figure 42 respondents representing 11.67 of total respondents had increases up to one-quarter between 1987 and 1991/92. Fourteen (14) respondents or 3.88% had increases 24 respondents one-third while or6.67% recorded increases up to one-half. However 13 respondents actually doubled their land holdings. While comparing the figures increases and non-increases in land holdings would suggest that the overall impact of the feeder roads farm land sizes is small, it is important to note that a little over a quarter of total respondents reported this increase. This is significant. Increase in land prices is significant factor affecting income respondents with over 70% of them attributing the change in their income levels between 1987 and 1991/92 to this factor.

Table 4.12: Land Prices (Per Hectare In Pre- and Post-Programme Periods)

Cost of Land per Hectare	1987	1991/92
Less than N120	59	35
₩120 - ₩200	136	56
₩201 - ₩280	17	88
₩281 - ₩360	4	12
N361 - N440	2	8
N441 - N520	1	2
N521 - N600	60	64
Over N600	52	60
Not Applicable/Non-Response	29	29
Total	360	360

The distribution of land prices is however extreme land either reported as very expensive or relatively This extremity is due to the locational differences. Land in Sagbama and Yenaqoa government areas where relatively cheaper averaging not than N280 per hectare as opposed to the situation in Etche and Ahoada local government areas. The increase in cost of land would appear to have a negative impact on incomes and rural productivity. This would be justifiable by the correlation between area of cultivated and cost of land in 1987 (r = - 0.2281) which is significant at the .001 critical level. To the extent however that respondents have attributed this increase in land prices not to the DFRRI road but to other reasons (See Table 4.13) the programme cannot be said to have significant impact on land costs. When land is under development pressure its price will rise with or without access road. Ιt is the development pressure that an

fuels land prices and necessitates road construction. Although in rural areas land may not be that scarce there is no doubt that there is some pressure to bring more land under cultivation.

Table 4.13: Reasons for Increase In Cost of Land Between 1987 and 1991/92

Reason		Response			
		(왕)	No	(%)	
Land Scarcity Increase in Agricultural	177	(32.5)	243	(67.5)	
Production General Increase in Cost of	86	(23.9)	274	(76.1)	
Living Improved Access due to DFRRI	86	(23.9)	274	(76.1)	
Road	68	(18.9)			
Other Reasons	47	(13.1)	313	(86.9)	

All the above factors except the fact of increasing land scarcity show significant correlations with the cost of land in 1991/92 as evidenced from the correlation matrix. It is important to highlight the correlation between cost of land in 1991/92 and increase in agricultural production(r=-0.3314 significant at 0.001 critical level); and the correlation between cost of land in inflation (r= .1641 significant 1991/92 and at 0.001 critical level). The relative unimportance of land scarcity is also expected.

4.2.3 Impact of the DFRRI Feeder Roads Programme on Rural Productivity

The measure of programme impact on rural productivity is indicated by (i) increase in agricultural and other production in the post programme period and (ii) improved access for productive activities. Increased productivity was measured in terms of the quantity of food crops including rice, yams, vegetables, cassava, corn and fruits; also in terms of rural employment diversification and improved access to farms, fishing grounds and markets.

4.2.3.1 Agricultural and Other Production

Data analysis on the production of various crops for the post and pre-DFRRI road periods are shown in Tables 4.14 to 4.18. Farm output was categorized into three: products harvested weekly all year round (vegetables and cassava); products harvested weekly for a maximum of three months in the year (fruits, maize and plantain); and products harvested once in the year (yam).

Table 4.14: Usual Output of Farm Produce Harvested Weekly Throughout the Year (Vegetables and Cassava)

	Vegetables (Stack)		Cassava (Basket)	
Output	No. of Respondents	%	No. of Respondents	%
1 stack/basket	44	12.22	23	6.39
2-5 stacks/baskets	54	15.0	85	23.61
6-9 stacks/baskets	30	8.33	54	15.00
10-13 stacks/baskets	19	5.28	58	16.11
Above 13 stacks/baskets	26	7.22	80	22.22
Not Applicable	184	51.11	57	15.83
Non-Response	3	0.83	3	0.83
Total	360	100	360	100

Table 4.15: Usual Output of Farm Produce Harvested Weekly for a Maximum of Three Months Fruits (Basket) Maize (Basket) Plantain (Bunch)

	Fruits		Maize		Plantain	
Output	No. of Respondents	%	No. of Respondents	%	No. of Respondents	%
1 basket/bunch	47	13.06	36	10.00	5	1.39
2-5 baskets/bunches	38	10.56	50	13.89	23	6.39
6-9 baskets/bunches	11	3.05	19	5.28	47	13.06
10-13 baskets/bunches	28	7.78	22	6.11	45	12.50
Above 13 baskets/bunches	29	8.06	31	8.61	153	42.50
Not Applicable	204	56.67	199	55.28	84	23.33
Non-Response	3	0.83	3	0.83	3	0.83
Total	360	100	360	100	360	100

Table 4.16: Usual Output of Farm Product Harvested Once a Year (Yam)

0	Yam (Tubers)		
Output	No. of Respondents	Percentage	
Less than 100 tubers 100 - 249 tubers 250 - 499 tubers 500 - 749 tubers 750 - 1,000 tubers Over 1,000 tubers Not Applicable	34 51 29 33 22 25 166	9.44 14.17 8.06 9.17 6.11 6.94 46.11	
Total	360	100.00	

At Okaka in the Yenagoa Local Government Area, there were six respondents who produced rice, a product hitherto not included in the questionnaire. They reported that the feeder road did not have any impact on their output. Analysis of the impact of the DFRRI roads on farm output based on the six other products show that 60 or 16.7% of respondents indicated that their output had

increased. This result is significant especially when compared to the earlier observation that about 25.8% had increased their farm holding due to the road. Within limits of the data set, we can conclude that between a quarter and one-sixth of the respondents recorded positive changes in their productive activities due to DFRRI road. Analysis of the level of increase in output show that 30 respondents representing 8.3% had increased output in the post-DFRRI period by a quarter and 17 respondents or 4.7% by a third. Also 4 respondents or 1.1% had increased output by one half while 9 actually increased output twice or more.

A product-moment correlation analysis of the data for the pre- and post-DFRRI output levels show that apart from yams, output of the other products showed no significant difference with a coefficient r = -.0246. However yam output had a significant increase with a correlation coefficient of r = .9759, statistically significant at .001 alpha level. The finding may suggest DFFRI roads are more prominent in mainland areas of farmland where more yams are grown than in the largely riverine areas where plantain is more usually grown. Table 4.17, we note that 60.6% of the respondents did not accept that the increase in their output was attributable to the road while 16.7% accepted. In fact, for a large number of respondents (79.3%), the road was either not regarded as a DFRRI road or considered important to their

productive activities hence the refusal to respond to the question. This aspect of the analysis will be treated in more detail in Section 4.2.4.

Table 4.17: Relationship of DFRRI Road and Farm Output

	Yes	(%)	No	(%)	Not Applicable (%)	Total	(%)
Increase in farm output due to DFRRI road	60	(16.7%)	18	(5%)	282 (79.3%)	360	(100%)
Increase in farm ouput not due to DFRRI road	218	(60.6%)	107	(29.7%)	35 (9.7%)	360	(100%)

Mr. K. B. Boro, the former Manager of the School-to-Land farm at Akumoni Zaranra argued that there are changes in farm output but this was not because of the DFRRI road project. Perhaps a more eloquent evidence of the limited significance of the feeder roads to farm output is the relatively small number of respondents who use the road as access to their farms (See Table 4.18).

Table 4.18: Present Access to Farm

Route	Male	(%)	Femal	e (%)	Total	(%)
Bush-path	103	(61.31)	111	(57.81)	214	(59.44)
Existing Earth Road	8	(4.76)	16	(8.33)	24	(6.67)
New Earth Road (DFRRI or LGA)	14	(8.33)	11	(5.73)	25	(6.94)
Ashphalt Road	1	(0.59)	2	(1.04)	3	(0.83)
Oil Company Location Road	3	(1.79)	7	(3.65)	10	(2.78)
Other (River)	15	(8.93)	11	(5.73)	26	(7.22)
Bush Path and Existing Earth Road	9	(5.36)	6	(3.13)	15	(4.17)
Bush Path and New Earth Road	8	(4.76)	16	(8.33)	24	(6.67)
Bush Path and Oil Company						
Location Road	3	(1.79)	7	(3.65)	10	(2.78)
Bush Path and Asphalt Road	1	(0.59)	4	(2.08)	5	(1.39)
Not Applicable/Non-Response	3	(1.79)	1	(0.52)	4	(1.11)
Total	168	(100)	192	(100)	360	(100)

Only 25 out of a total of 360 respondents representing 6.94% used the DFRRI road as a farm access road. This helps to explain the very low level of positive response on the impact of the feeder road on farm productivity.

4.2.3.2 <u>Change in Patterns of Accessibility for</u> <u>Production and Sale of Goods</u>

The next analysis examined patterns of accessibility by looking at the time and physical distances to farms and markets; the quantity of output transported; and the mode of transport used. Under this section the second main hypothesis for this case study is tested. (See Section 1.3.1. This states that the DFRRI feeder roads have not improved access to farms and markets for rural dwellers.

The question of access to areas of production and the efficient disposal of farm produce is for the rural economy a fundamental one. This is also clearly understood by the policy makers who initiated the feeder

idea and expressed the programme roads have so Improved access definitely goes beyond overobjectives. coming the friction of physical distance to include the actual mode of transportation and the enlargement of economic opportunities. For the realisation of objective, the ability of rural producers to sell in urban markets rather than remain goods villages and depending on middlemen who are known to This is the exploit them, is important. aspect of economic mobility.

Data analysis examined whether or not there has been significant changes in time and physical distances to farm and markets in mode of transportation of goods; increase in the quantity transported and in the place of sale of such goods. Data analysis using crosstabulations, chi-square tests and correlation analysis on all the above indicators show mixed results of the impact of the feeder roads. To test specifically for impact on each indicator of change, sub-hypothesis were formulated accordingly.

(1) <u>Mode of Transportation to Farm/Fishing Grounds</u> Sub-hypothesis(i):

 H_O : There is no significant difference ($\alpha=0.01$) in the mode of transportation used to farm and fishing grounds before and after the construction of the DFRRI road.

H₁: There is a significant difference

Decision: Accept H_O if critical value is greater than calculated value. Reject H_O if calculated value is greater than critical value.

Table 4.19: Cross-Tabulation of Mode of Transportation Used to Farm/Fishing before and after the DFRRI Road

Mode of Transport	Before Road (Observed)		After Road (Expected)		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Foot Bicycle or Motorcycle Canoe Foot plus Bicycle or Motorcycle	89 21 14 24	108 29 6 26	82 30 14 25	103 42 8	
Foot plus Canoe Total	18	22 191	15 166	19 191	

<u>Note</u>: All non-response or not applicable responses are dropped from analysis

Applying X^2 formula

$$\begin{array}{c} (\text{O-E})\,2\\ \text{X}^2 = \Sigma\text{------}\\ \text{E}\\ \text{Calculated} \quad \text{X}^2 = 0.59756 + 0.24272 + 2.7 + 4.02381 + 0 + \\ 0.5 + 0.04 + 2.57895 + 0.6 + 0.47368\\ = 11.77 \end{array}$$

df = (5-1)(2-1) = 4Critical X^2 value = 13.28

Conclusion: Accept $H_{\rm O}$ at 0.01 significance level because value is less than critical value.

This result appears to confirm our earlier interpretation of the access to farms, that DFRRI roads are not really farm access roads.

ii) Mode of Transportation of Produce

Sub-hypothesis (ii) H_O : There is no significant difference (α = 0.01) between the mode of transportation of goods before and after DFRRI road construction.

 $$\rm H_1\colon There\ is\ a\ significant\ difference\ Decision\colon Accept\ H_0\ if\ critical\ value\ is\ greater\ than\ calculated\ value\ is\ greater\ than\ critical\ value\ .$

Table 4.20: Cross Tabulation of Mode of Goods
Transportation before and After the
Construction of DFRRI Road

Mode of Transportation	Before (Obse		After Road (Expected)		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Foot Bicycle Canoe Motorcycle Pickup Van/Lorry/Bus Foot plus Bicycle Foot plus Motorised Vehicle	46 18 15 11 10 22	75 23 22 7 8 24	45 17 11 11 12 20	82 9 19 13 9 21	
Total	166	190	164	191	

Using the
$$X^2$$
 formula: $X^2 = \Sigma$ ------

$$X^2 = 0.022 + 0.598 + 0.059 + 21.78 + 1.455 + 0.474 + 0.333 + 0.111 + 0.2 + 0.429 + 0.643 + 0.5 + 1.441 + 2.7$$
= 33.605
df = (7-1)(2-1) = 6
Critical value = 16.81

Conclusion: Reject Ho at 0.01 significance level because calculated value is greater than critical value. The data present sufficient evidence to indicate that the respondents various modes proportion of using of transportation for their goods varied from the pre-programme period to the post-programme period.

In interpreting the data on the impact of DFRRI feeder roads on expansion of market areas and improved modes of transportation, there is need to exercise caution. This is due to the existence of traditional trading linkages like that between Sagbama villages and

villages across the Bomadi River in Delta state. Over the years, the construction of the East - West road and other category B roads have served to strengthen such trading linkages. Thus the impact may not be due to DFRRI feeder roads per se as much as to a combination of the impact of the other roads mentioned together with the feeder roads.

(iii) Place of Sale of Goods Sub-hypothesis (iii) H_O : There is no significant difference (α = 0.01) between the market for the sale of goods before and after the road.

 $\rm H_1\colon There\ is\ a\ significant\ difference.$ Decision: Accept $\rm H_O$ if critical value is greater than calculated value. Reject $\rm H_O$ if calculated value is greater.

Table 4.21: Cross-Tabulation of Markets for Goods before and after the Construction of the DFRRI Road

Market	Before (Obse		After Road (Expected)		
,6	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Village Market Urban Market Road side Village and Urban Markets	110 19 21	116 30 23	107 22 14 21	116 29 10 37	
Total	163	192	164	192	

Using the X^2 formula: $X^2 = \Sigma \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$

df = (4-1)(2-1) = 3

Critical value = 11.34

Conclusion: Reject H_{O} at 0.01 significance level because calculated value is greater than the critical value.

 $X^2 = 0.084 + 0 + 0.409 + 0.0345 + 3.5 + 16.9 + 3.048 + 5.297$

^{= 29.273}

Table 4.22: Quantity of Vegetables, Maize, Cassava and Plantain Transported to Market

	Before DFRRI Road			After DFRRI Road			
	Frequency	%	Cumulative	Frequency	%	Cumulative	
Not Applicable	11	3.06	3.06	12	3.33	3.33	
1 stack, bunch, basket	6	1.67	4.73	3	0.83	4.16	
2-5 stack, bunch, basket	87	24.17	28.9	84	23.33	27.49	
6-9 stack, bunch, basket	88	24.44	53.34	90	25	52.49	
10-13 stack, bunch, basket	124	34.44	87.78	125	34.72	87.21	
Over 13 stack, bunch, basket	44	12.22	100	46	12.78	100	
Total	360	100		360	100		

Table 4.23: Quantity of Yams Transported to Market

	Before	Before DFRRI Road			After DFRRI Road			
	Frequency	%	Cumulative	Frequency	%	Cumulative		
Under 100 tubers	40	11.11	11.11	39	10.83	10.83		
100 - 249 tubers	42	11.67	22.78	45	12.5	23.33		
250 - 499 tubers	51	14.17	36.95	53	14.72	38.05		
500 - 749 tubers	29	8.06	45.01	23	6.39	44.44		
750 - 1,000 tubers	13	3.61	48.62	14	3.89	48.33		
Over 1,000 tubers	33	9.16	57.78	12	3.33	51.66		
Not Applicable	141	39.17	96.95	163	45.28	96.94		
Non-Response	11	3.06	100	11	3.06	100		
Total	360	100		360	100			

TABLE 4.24: Transporters Length of Service along the Road

No. of Years	Frequency	જ
Under 1 year	5	11.90
2 - 3 years	11	26.19
Over 3 years	26	61.90
Total	42	99.99

Table 4.25: Increase in Volume of Goods Transported over the Period

Increase	Frequency	ું જ
Yes	30	71.43
No	12	28.57
Total	42	100.00

Table 4.26: Change in Weekly Trips

No of Thing	Frequency					
No. of Trips	Previous	%	Present %			
1 -2 per week	10	(23.81)	10 (23.81)			
3 - 4 per week	10	(23.81)	9 (21.43)			
5 - 6 per week	18	(42.86)	20 (47.62)			
Over 6 per week	4	(9.52)	3 (7.14)			
Total	42	(100.00)	42 (100.00)			

Table 4.27: Cause of Change in Trip Frequency

Reason	Frequency	%
Due to DFRRI Road	17	40.48
Not Due to DFFRI Road	25	59.52
Total	42	100.00

Table 4.28: Travel Distance from Home to Farm

	Usı	ıal Dist	ance	Distance Following DFRRI Road			
	Frequency	%	Cumulative	Frequency	%	Cumulative	
Not Applicable	-	-	-	12	3.3	3.3	
Under 1 km	57	15.8	15.8	37	10.3	13.6	
1 - 3 km	179	49.7	65.6	145	40.3	53.9	
4 - 6 km	85	23.6	89.2	85	23.6	77.5	
7 - 9 km	18	5.0	94.2	19	5.3	82.8	
10 km and above	21	5.8	100	62	17.2	100	
Total	360	100		360	100		

Table 4.29: Travel Time from Home to Farm

	υ	sual Ti	me	Time Following DFRRI Road			
	Frequency	%	Cumulative	Frequency	%	Cumulative	
Not Applicable	()-	-		12	3.3	3.3	
Less than 15 Min	36	10	10	53	14.7	18	
15 - 29 Min	10	2.8	12.8	60	16.7	34.7	
30 - 44 Min	57	15.8	28.6	25	6.9	41.6	
45 - 59 Min	23	6.4	35	37	10.3	51.9	
I Hour and over	234	65	100	173	48.1	100	
Total	360	100-		360	100		

Table 4.30: Cross-Tabulation of Distance to Farm Prior to the DFRRI Road and the Travel Time to Farm after the Programme

		Travel Time to Farm								
Usual Distance from Home to Farm	Not Applicable	Less than 15 Minutes	15 - 29 Minutes	30 - 44 Minutes	45 - 59 Minutes	1 Hour and above	Row Tota	` /		
Under 1 km	0	16	20	3	0	18	57	(15.8)		
1 - 3 km	12	17	24	16	18	92	179	(49.7)		
4- 6 km	0	17	9	3	11	45	85	(23.6)		
7 - 9 km	0	3	2	1	3	9	18	(5.0)		
10 km and above	0	0	5	2	5	9	21	(5.8)		
Column Total (%)	12 (3.3)	53 (14.7)	60 (16.7)	25 (6.9)	37 (10.3)	173 (48.1)	360 (100	(100)		

Table 4.31: Cross Tabulation of Distance and Travel Time to Farm Following the DFRRI Road

		T1	ravel Time	to Farm							
Distance to farm following DFRRI Road	Not Applicable	Less than 15 Minutes	15-29 Minutes	30-44 Minutes	45-59 Minutes	1 Hour and above	Row Tota	` ′			
Not Applicable	0	0	8	4	0	0	12	(3.3)			
Under 1 km	0	5	11	3	0	18	37	(10.3)			
1 - 3 km	12	15	10	12	15	81	145	(40.3)			
4 - 6 km	0	9	13	3	14	46	85	(23.6)			
7 - 9 km	0	2	3	1	3	10	19	(5.3)			
10 km and above	0	22	15	2	5	18	62	(17.2)			
Column Total (%)	12 (3.3)	53 (14.7)	60 (16.7)	25 (6.9)	37 (10.3)	173 (48.1)	360 (100	(100))			

Table 4.32: Distance to Market Before and After DFRRI Road

Distance	Before DFI	RRI Road	After DFF	RI Road
Distance	No.	%	No.	%
Under 1 km	42	11.67	48	13.33
1 - 3 km	109	30.28	109	30.28
4 - 6 km	105	29.17	99	27.50
7 - 9 km	57	15.83	58	16.11
10 km and above	41	11.39	37	10.28
Not Applicable	4	1.11	8	2.22
Non-Response	2	0.55	1	0.28
Total	360	100.00%	360	100.00%

(iv) Goods Transportation to Markets

expansion of economic opportunities The for producers must of necessity incorporate improvements in road networks that increase access particularly to urban markets and accompanied by increases in the volume of goods transported. Although the aspect of markets have been touched on earlier, the aspects of improved access as regarding goods transport have not. In this section, we look at the quantity of produce transport to markets before and after the construction of the feeder roads. Tables 4.22 and 4.23 details of the situation for cassava, fruits, Maize, Plantain, Vegetables and Yams respectively. Deduction from calculated percentages show that although there have been changes in the quantity of output transported to the markets, the changes significant. Tables 4.24 to 4.27 provide summaries of

data from goods transporters. 71 or 43% of transporters agreed that they had recorded an increase in the volume of goods transported from the various localities over the study period (See Table 4.25) even though the number trips has not significantly changed within the only 40.48% period. However of the transporters attributed the change in number of trips made to the This appears to corroborate the earlier road. evidence that output has increased, but not necessarily due to the DFRRI road.

Moreover as noted in a study of rural Zimbabwe increase in output and volume of sales does necessarily imply that condition of living has improved for rural people (Jackson 1988). The study noted that deteriorating economic conditions can actually force farmers to sell out the bulk of what they produce with consequent hunger in rural communities. Without seeming make a cross-country comparison the point has to made that the rural economy is an integral part of the national economy and the prevailing inflation high costs of living must have an impact on productive activities and rural life.

(v) Change in Travel Time and Physical Distance

Travel distance to the farm showed a small reduction in the under 1 Km and 1-3 km range. The 4-6 km range had no change and the over 10 km range had considerable (66.13%) rise in number of respondents. Travel time to the farm

also showed a reduction of frequencies in some categories and an increase in others (See Tables 4.28 and it is the cross-tabulations of travel time and distance that provide more fundamental interpretations. first instance, a correlation analysis of the the relationship between distance to farm following construction of the DFRRI road and the travel time also following the DFRRI road gave a coefficient of r= -.0995 that was not significant at either the .01 or the .001 critical levels. It does appear that within limits of data set, travel time and distance following the DFRRI road are not significant at either the .01 or the .001 critical levels. It does appear that within limits of the data set, travel time and distance following road are not significantly related. The cross-For instance of the show this also. tabulation respondents who travelled between 1-3 Km, 81 had to do so one hour. There would also over appear considerable over-estimation of the distance and time travelled by the respondents. In populations considerable illiteracy this may not be unexpected. results would support the view earlier expressed that DFRRI roads are not really farm access roads. Thus impact of DFRRI roads on the reduction of travel time and distance to work for the majority of rural people is also significant. This can further be interpreted as a negative impact on productive activities since people are still largely dependent on their labour power

(trekking) in their economic production. From Table 4.32 distance travelled to markets has not shown any There are traditional significant change. links trading between villages and these may not necessarily change because of the existence of feeder road. would change would be the ability of buyers particularly from urban centres within and outside the State to qain direct access to producers in the villages. Also respondents indicated that they sold their produce at markets some of different which are more easily accessible by canoe especially during the rainy season.

4.2.4 Impact of Feeder Road on Social and Economic Welfare

In the measure of impact of the DFRRI roads social and economic welfare we use three key indicators. These are income distribution, improvement in conditions and the promotion of local organizational activities. Income distribution is fundamental to our estimation of rural development in general. As noted earlier, the direct assessment of income is subject to difficulties and in this instance, we make use of indirect measure, the increase or non-increase in size of land holding.

In terms of land holding of the rural producers of cassava, maize, fruits, vegetables, plantain and rice only 12 indicated an increase in size of holding and an increase in production due to the construction of the DFRRI road. For yam production however, a total of 24

respondents indicated an increase in size of holding due to the DFRRI road.

Generally however, more males reported an increase in size of land holding following the DFRRI road construction (See Table 4.11). Only 10% of the respondents as compared to 15.28% of male respondents indicated an increase in land holding. This may to the fact that males produce more yams. Looking at this increase over income levels, a total of 36 respondents male and 15 female) had incomes of over N1,000 and 16 respondents (12 male and 4 female) had incomes of N800 and N999 per annum bringing the results between to 14.44% out of the 25.83% of respondents who recorded an increase in land holding. We can within limits of the data set therefore suggest that larger farmers are also those with relatively higher incomes and are able to increase their landholding.

(ii) <u>Increase in Income and Productivity of Small</u> Farmers

Small farmers are regarded as those reporting less than 2 Hectares as size of land holding. An examination of Table 5.33 below shows that farm sizes are generally small with 46.94% of respondents claiming to have less than 1 hectare of farm land and 30.56% having between 1 and 2 hectares.

Table 4.33: Size of Farms

Size	No. of Respondents	ે
Less than 1 Ha 1 - 2 Ha 3 - 4 Ha 5 - 6 Ha 7 - 8 Ha 9 - 10 Ha Over 10 Ha Not Applicable Non-Response	169 110 33 2 17 3 7 7	46.94 30.56 9.17 0.56 4.72 0.83 1.94 1.94 3.33
Total	360	100.00

Table 4.34: Cross-Tabulation of Size of Farm and Increase in Income

Size of Farm Land	Male	%	Femal	e %	Total	%
Less than 1 Ha	28	(7.78)	36	(10.00)	64	(17.78)
1 - 2 Ha	27	(7.50)	22	(6.11)	49	(13.61)
3 - 4 Ha	6	(1.67)	3	(0.83)	9	(2.50)
5 - 6 Ha	1	(0.28)	1	(0.28)	2	(0.56)
7 - 8 Ha	2	(0.56)	4	(1.11)	6	(1.67)
9 - 10 Ha	3	(0.83)	4	(1.11)	7	(1.94)
Over 10 Ha	1	(0.28)	4	(1.11)	5	(1.39)
Not Applicable	3	(0.83)	2	(0.56)	5	(1.39)
Non-Response			<u>-</u>	-		-
Total	71	(19.73)	76	(21.12)	147	(40.84)

Table 4.34 shows that proportionately large farmers had recorded increases. For instance out of a total of 7 farmers with farm sizes of over 10 hectares, 5 or 71.43% registered increases in incomes as compared to 64 out of 169 or 37.87% farmers who had farm sizes of between 7 hectares and 10 hectares recorded higher incomes as compared to 44.56% of farmers with farm size of between 1 Ha and 2 Ha. This result is not surprising as large farmers would definitely produce more and be able to

increase output with improvement in rural infrastructure. Also of note is the fact that proportionately more males (42.26%) males recorded increase in farm incomes than females (39.58%). This result is also expected. Women generally are poorer than male rural produces and their relative poverty is engineered by a number of social and economic structures of domination not least of which is the control of farm land by men.

(iii) Promotion of Local Organization Activities

Increase in local organization activity is an important indicator of rural change. DFRRI has as one of its two policy objectives, the enhancement of social mobility. Drawing from our main hypothesis we can formulate sub-hypothesis thus:

Sub-hypothesis (iv)

 H_1 : There is no significant difference (α = 0.01) in local level organisational activities following the construction of DFRRI road.

 H_O : There is a significant difference x=0.01).

Decision: Accept H_O if critical value is greater than calculated value. Reject H_O if calculated value is greater than critical value.

Table 4.35: Cross-Tabulation of Members of Local Organizations Benefitting From DFRRI Road According to Locality

Benefit to Organization		LOCALITY								Total
		Observed Expected								
	Ahoada	Etche	Sagbama	Yenagoa	Total	Ahoada	Etche	Sagbama	Yenagoa	
Yes	20	17	43	12	92	16.82	24.73	35.11	15.33	92
No	14	14 33 28 19 94 17.18 25.27 35.89 15.67				15.67	94			
Total	34	50	71	31	186	34	50	71	31	186

Note: All non-responses and not applicable responses have been dropped from the tabulation and analysis. Applying the $\rm X^2$ formula to the data we have:

$$X^2 = \Sigma \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$$

= 0.601 + 2.416 + 1.773 + 0.723 + 0.589 + 2.365 + 1.731 + 0.708 + 10.906

df = (2-1) (4-1) = 3

critical value = 11.341

Conclusion: Accept H_O at 0.01 significance level.

From the results of this analysis we can conclude that the feeder roads have not enhanced local organizational activities which could translate to a failure of the DFRRI road to meet one of its two stated objectives. In continuation respondents were asked to specify the type of impact they felt that the roads had on their local organization.

Table 4.36: Type of Impact of Road on Organization

Impact	Male	%	Fem	ale %	Total	%
Facilitates Evacuation of Food from Farms	19	(5.28)	3	(0.83)	22	(6.11)
Convenient During the Dry Season	11	(3.06)	11	(3.06)	22	(6.11)
Enhances Movement Within the Community	30	(8.33)	18	(5.00)	48	(13.33)
Worsens the Road	26	(7.22)	68	(18.89)	94	(26.11
Not Applicable/ Non-Response	82	(22.78)	92	(25.56)	174	(48.33)

Table 4.37: The Rural Development Environment of the DFRRI Roads Programme

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Controllable Enviro	nment	Influenceable Environment	t	Appreciated Enviror	ıment
<u>ACTORS</u>	FACTORS	ACTORS	<u>FACTORS</u>	<u>ACTORS</u>	<u>FACTORS</u>
DIFFRI in National and State Levels	Implementation Guidelines	Other Agencies Involved in Rural Feeder Road Provison in the State (ADP, NDBA Oil Companies	Conflict and Co-ordination	The Presidency	Policy Making, Resource Allocation and Statutory Bnaking
Participating Agenc in the Feeder Road Programme (RAIRDEP, Ministry of Works, Local Govts,CDCs)	Organization and Technical support		Participation and Resource Sharing Participation	Federal Ministry of Agriculture	Administrative Support

Adapted from: Dacanay (1986) page 41

From Table 4.36 it can be seen that 60 men and 32 accept that the road has benefited organizations to which they belong. Table 4.36 shows that the impact of the road local activities varies 5.28% of male respondents and of female respondents accept that the facilitates the evacuation of food from their farm. 3.06% female 3.06% male respondents and However respondents stated that the road could only be during the dry season. This is not surprising. DFRRI roads are generally graded laterite roads hurriedly constructed. Thus in the prevailing climatic conditions of the state, the road can not last. It is important to note that 8.33% of male and 5% of female indicated roads enhanced movement within the community. further confirms the fact that the DFRRI roads are really farm access roads. Of note are the indications of dissatisfaction that the road works were not properly and therefore only caused deterioration. 7.22% male respondents and 18.89% of female felt the deterioration obliterated other positive impacts on their level organizational activities. We reasonably claim that the DFRRI feeder roads have served to promote rural social activities.

Table 4.38: Financial Statement Balance Sheet of DFRRI Rivers State Capital Account as at March 1st 1988

A. RECEIPTS

- 1. From Federal DFRRI Lagos for Rural Feeder Roads Programme N8,143,600.00
- 2. From Rivers State Government as First Instalment for Consolidation of Roads under RAIRDEP, Jetties and Canals ... N3,100,000.00

TOTAL ... N11,243,600.00

B. EXPENDITURE

Details	Liability (₹)	Expediture 1/3/88 (₹)	Remarks
Rural Feeder Raods	₩4,679,068.40	№2,701,259.50	Federal DFRRI Rivers State Govt. LGA and Community
Jetties and Canals	N4,640,000.00	₩2,431,801.45	Federal DFRRI and Rivers State Govt. LGA
Total	₹9,319,068.40	№5,133,060.95	
C. Consolidation of Roads	№11,869,541.57	₩4,531,593.66	RIARDEP Rivers State
Grand Total	₩21,188,609.97	№9,664,654.61	

Source: PMT Report (1988)

4.3 Assessment of the Impact of the DFRRI Feeder Roads in Relation to the Planning Environment

The approach here is to identify the key actors that operate within the specific level of planning environment and the factors that come into play. The importance of this approach is to highlight the underlying causes of programme performance. In Table 4.37 the component parts of the planning environment are presented schematically and this will guide discussion in this section.

4.3.1 The Controllable Environment of DFRRI

principal actors within the controllable environment DFRRI are the state and federal government agencies and officials whose direct function it is to implement all DFRRI policies and programmes. For the phase 1 feeder roads programme which is being assessed, these agencies include the state Accelerated Rural Development Project (RAIRDEP) the Ministry of works, the Ministry of Local Government and the Community development committees. Within the Rivers State, RAIRDEP was established umbrella agency to co-ordinate all activities on rural from different agencies. RAIRDEP was development responsible for the construction of 163.5Km of DFRRI feeder roads. This it then sub-contracted to local councils, Ministry of Works government and Private contractors. RAIRDEP was put under the direct supervision of a Commissioner in the Governor's office. affairs The of DFRRI within the state are supposed to be managed by a policy council headed by the State DFRRI director, local government and the local people through their community development committees. The CDCs are to assist in determination and prioritisation of projects according to the felt needs of the communities.

The problems within the controllable environment that affected programme performance include co-ordination, funding and the determination of standard of

construction. One of the problems identified was the attempt by RAIRDEP to use funds contributed from the State and Local Governments to build tarred feeder roads. Under the initial DFRRI concept roads are laterite figure 10) with each road estimated to cost a maximum of in upland areas and in the riverine km km). Whereas the total amount made available N6,000 per for the construction of 794.1 km of DFRRI feeder roads by the Federal Government was N8.144m the estimated contract sum of the RAIRDEP constructed feeder roads with Ministry of Works and Transport for 97.5 A conflict situation then occurred N16,720,610.80. between the federal government's DFRRI feeder roads concept and what the State Government felt was proper and more adequate for the Rivers State. The RAIRDEP was thus a channel for achieving the State Government's objectives without antagonizing federal authorities. Where as the idea had the blessing of State level officials, the Presidential Monitoring Team impressed. In spite of the fact that the State was ready to spend its own resources (See Table 4.38) in to what was coming from the federal level, the government held sway.

This has affected programme performance as local communities are presently complaining about the condition of the feeder roads. Their complaint was confirmed by the

DFRRI director when asked about the reaction State communities to the programme, he said that local they showed mostly lack of appreciation and complained DFRRI roads spoilt existing roads, and also about the way roads were being picked and implemented. Furthermore he noted that politically the federal government felt it was alright to say it has added to the road network without consideration for whether or those roads not accessible. The co-ordinating Director of DFRRI Rivers State explanations as cited in the PMT's report was:

"Without prejudice to the laid down specifications of feeder roads, the rates of construction of such roads, the method adopted in Rivers State took cognisance of the ecological problems existing in the State. He mentioned that the criteria set out by DFRRI in Lagos can not be strictly applied to the Rivers State.

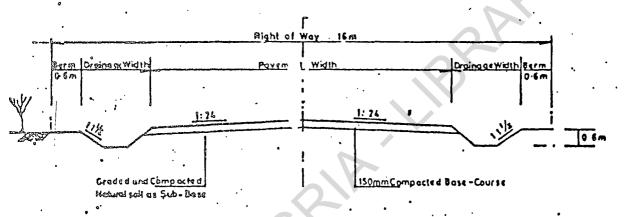
What ever he was implementing, he said, were the decisions of the State DFRRI Policy Council under the Chairmanship of the Military Governor, hence he is also the Director of Implementation".

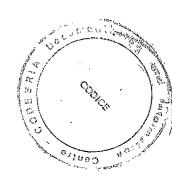
(PMT 1988:5)

The Presidential Monitoring Team (PMT) was not satisfied with the superimposition of the RAIRDEP concept on the initial federal roads concept particularly as it claimed that this did not lead to a more cost-effective way of providing feeder roads. The DFRRI standard of feeder roads provision is as shown in fig. 10.

FIGURE 10

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION OF FEEDER ROADS.





4.3.2 The Influenceable Environment of DFRRI

The principal actors within this level of the environment are as shown in Table 4.37. They include other agencies mandated either by the instruments setting them up or by the demands of community relation to provide feeder roads the State. The ADP is the most important of these. Under its mandate, the State ADP (RISADEP) is to provide feeder roads to enhance food production. The Niger Delta Basin Development Authority is to provide feeder roads to its project sites and oil companies, provide roads access for their operational primarily to serve as RISADEP officials, vehicles. According to the DFRRI programme started before that of the ADP thus responsibility of harmonising their activities with those DFRRI rests with RISADEP officials. Moreover, the ADP being World Bank assisted is expected to inventorize its proposed roads. Moreover as noted by a senior planner at RISADEP, even the World Bank would not tar feeder roads its concept of the roads would differ from that of DFRRI.

The Local Government Councils are the agencies expected to work directly with DFRRI. At the start of the RIARDEP experiment, the State Government compulsorily deducted certain amounts of money due to local Government for the financing of DFRRI projects. Yet, according to both the state DFRRI director and the PMT; many Local

Government Chairmen complained about non-involvement in the planning and implementation of the projects. This sometime led to open conflict. The case made against DFRRI by the former Chairman of the Degema LGA was documented by the <u>Guardian</u> newspaper of January 13th, 1989. His case seem to be confirmed by the comment cited below.

"Some of the people interviewed in the course of inspection claimed ignorance of DFRRI, its programme and expectations of community involvement in the programmes. Some local government chairmen even claimed that they were not involved in the selection of DFRRI projects in their areas. On the other hand, the coordinating Director maintained that discussion on projects and performance were discussed with various chairmen and some community members from time to time." (PMT, 1988: 12)

The basic conflict emanated from control over resources that were jointly generated. Rather than use direct labour particularly from within the locality, DFRRI had contracted out the bulk of its feeder roads from Port Harcourt, thereby by-passing the Local Government Area Chairmen, The PMT notes thus.

we had mentioned somewhere else in the report, it was the intention of DFRRI that to employ the scarce financial resources much more productively, efficiently and effectively apart from ensuring physical and financial commitment of the state, local government and communities, labour aimed at cost-saving was to be direct adopted in most of the contracts. DFRRI in our conception can be described as a large task force co-ordinator. This being so we had hoped that Rivers State Government would pool machinery and expertise together like it has done in RIARDEP. On the contrary, we see massive use of contractors even in the simplest of feeder roads". (PMT, 1988: 20)

The rural people who are the targeted beneficiaries also had problems with the DFRRI feeder roads concept. For instance, while the communities are prepared to admit the re-grading of their existing community roads by DFRRI, they refused to accept the labelling of such roads as DFRRI roads as appropriate. Village level interviews with interest groups and community leaders are very enlightening.

Chief Festus W. Jacob of Omuanwa village reports thus:

"There was an existing feeder road constructed by the village from Isiokpo junction complete with bridge. The women contributed money and food for the workers. Village first cleared the roads then called in a contractor to grade. The roads was not sufficiently motorable so we had to bring the government in. The community wrote to the Commissioner of Works in 1986 and also sent a delegation. He promised to look into it. He contacted DFRRI. We were happy at start but now DFRRI has abandoned the work. When DFRRI came, we contributed labour for clearing and then gave them land from where to obtain laterite. When DFRRI workers come, they rallied us around and talked to us. We showed them places to live".

Respondent No. 10 (women leader) at Agbere argued as follows:

"Do not call it DFRRI road, it is community road. We know that government cannot do all for everybody but when we have started it, we expect government to come in and help. This has not happened. When the road was last launched we gave N1,200. Altogether though we have given over N5,000".

At Tungbo, a community leader noted that, the community maintains the DFRRI roads through communal efforts while it has found out that the Local Government Area maintains a pay roll on the maintenance of the road without performing.

thus not surprising that some villagers Ιt is refused to assess the impact of the roads once the name DFRRI was attached to it. Yet by the terms of mandate, DFRRI was justified in labelling such roads. The community was to be fully involved especially in its contributions in labour and materials (See Koinyan, 2-3). Also DFRRI's mandate was not only to construct but also to rehabilitate existing roads although one wonders if as Mr. K. B. Boro of Akumau-Okordia argued, a 3 hour grading exercise ultimately qualifies as rehabilitation. In Tables 4.39 and 4.40 we provide details of the contributions made by communities to the DFRRI feeder roads project.

Table 4.39: Household Contribution to Road Programme

Type of Contribution	Male	(%)	Female	(%)	Total	(%)
Land	39	(10.83)	25	(6.94)	64	(17.78)
Cash	9	(2.5)	29	(8.06)	38	(10.56)
Land plus Cash	1	(0.28)	6	(1.67)	7	(1.94)
Labour	43	(11.94)	40	(11.11)	83	(23.05)
Materials	8	(2.22)	5	(1.39)	13	(3.61)
Cash plus Labour	7	(1.94)	3	(0.83)	10	(2.78)
Labour plus Materials	3	(0.83)	2	(0.56)	5	(1.39)
Land Plus Labour	2	(0.56)	4	(1.11)	6	(1.67)
Not Applicable	56	(15.56)	78	(21.67)	134	(37.22)
Total	168		192		360	(100%)

Table 4.40: Amount of Cash Contribution by Household to Road Programme

Amount	Male	(%)	Female	(%)	Total	(%)
Less than №100	9	(2.5)	16	(4.44)	25	(6.94)
₩100 - ₩200	5	(1.39)	7	(1.94)	12	(3.33)
₩201 - ₩300	-	-	_	` -	_	` _ ´
₩301 - ₩400	-	_	-	-	-	-
₩401 - ₩500	1	(0.28)	-	-	1	(0.28)
Over N 500	2	(0.56)	15	(4.17)	17	(4.73)
Not Applicable	151	(41.94)	154	(42.78)	305	(84.72)
Total	168		192		360	(100%)

4.3.3 The Appreciated Environment of the DFRRI Feeder Roads Programme

The principal actor in the appreciated environment of the feeder roads programme is the federal government which sets the policy guidelines, determines standards of provision of utilities and services, and also provides the bulk of the funding for DFRRI. In a realistic way, some of the problems that have been associated with the programme can be traced to the over-centralisation of planning and implementation decisions. The result has been the imposition of a package programme nation wide without consideration for local variations and the need to adapt the programme to meet such variations. The ability of the Rivers State to insist on this adaptation is strictly limited as it would not do any thing that can limit its access to federal funds. A Former Commissioner

for Community Development in the state. Dr John Harry, argued that it was not clear whether DFRRI was to serve as an implementing agency or a monitoring agency. He felt that DFRRI was not expected to implement. This reasoning appears to have support from the meaning of the term agent under the National DFRRI's "concept of operation". In its definition agent includes the existing nineteen state governments, and the Federal Capital Territory to be responsible for the construction and rehabilitation of the 30,000 km of roads expected nationwide.

More over the sheer scope of the programme leaves it open to errors that if a learning process were adopted, could have been identified earlier on and dealt with before the programme was expanded. Korten (1980) in his submissions for a learning process to rural development planning suggested a three-phase approach. The first phase entails learning to be efficient, the second phase, learning to adopt and finally, learning to expand. to enable programme planners to be informed about the workability of the specific interventions and to re-design projects as field tests progress based dialogue with the people. For instance, the assumption by DFRRI office that rural communities will National undertake the maintenance of improved feeder roads been successful in actual implementation and this be linked to the limited extent of authentic community participation in rural roads planning construction.

4.4 Chapter Summary

Direct and indirect measures of the impact of the include net DFRRI feeder roads increase in incomes and 1991/92; increase between 1987 in size of land holdings and output attributable to the roads. Using direct income measures, the results were inconclusive. Although statistical analysis showed significant difference; the results are to be treated with caution for a number of reasons. One of such reasons is the fact that the incomes of respondents were not adjusted inflation and therefore, not easily amenable to direct income is perhaps one variable most comparison. Also, reporting. Moreover, to incorrect estimation of factors most likely affecting respondents income situation; cost of land was most important; followed by higher prices of goods or more inflation. Both increase in size of land holding and output were not significantly attributable to the DFRRI road.

Impact of the feeder roads on productivity show change in patterns of accessibility. Although DFRRI roads were unimportant as farm access roads, there was a significant improvement in mode of transportation of produce and also in the expansion of the farm output from purely village to urban markets. Largely also increase in output was not attributed to the roads but to a number of

factors that indicate change in the level of economic activity in rural areas of the Rivers State.

Three measures of the impact of DFRRI rural feeder roads included income distribution; distribution of increase in land holding and in output across gender and income levels; and the promotion of local organisations. Increase in incomes and land holdings were concentrated within larger farmers and males. Also, the feeder roads had not enhanced local organizational activities mainly because the roads were not usable during the rainy season which stretches up to nine months in the Rivers State.

Examination of the observed impact of the feeder roads against the background of the programme environment interesting facts. One of such show some difference between local communities and DFRRI on constitutes a DFRRI feeder road. Whereas villagers are prepared to contribute time, cash and material the construction of the feeder roads, they would not accept a re-grading of an existing community road as a DFRRI road. They consider such claims by DFRRI as insincere act with anger when this is done. Another emerging that whereas DFRRI in Rivers State was initially able improve on the quality of its construction with financial contributions from the State governments under RIARDEP; control of implementation by the federal government would not permit this. It does

appear therefore that the implementation targets set for DFRRI in the State were on national criteria rather than on locally identified needs. Another fact emerging is that feeder roads are being provided by a number of other agencies, but apart from being DFRRI policy council members for the State; there is no evidence of pooled resources or expertise in programme implementation because the apex organisations controlling the other agencies are different and also their own concept of feeder roads are different.

Other problems within the programme environment include the scale of the programme over 300 km of within the particular time frame of one year. It is clear that the target was determined by the federal DFRRI. The imposition of the federal government's concept of feeder road; its standard for the road and its target set for the State arise from its control of the bulk of funds for rural development. The excessively political underpinnings of the programme also do not help as this pre-supposes uncertainty in programme continuity and funding in subsequent years. Excessive control by central government has in the case of DFRRI in Rivers fueled conflict between the local people and DFRRI and within the agency between it state and federal levels; resulting in its curtailed impact. In the next chapter, impact of a service delivery programme; namely the the

agricultural extension services programme will be assessed on the same set of criteria - income, productivity and socio-economic welfare - to identify the patterns that will emerge.

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CHAPTER 5

SOCIO - ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RIVERS STATE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RISADEP) EXTENSION SERVICE

5.1 Programme Description

5.1.1 <u>Historical Background</u>

RISADEP extension programme was initiated with establishment of the RISADEP itself in October 1988. Prior to this agricultural extension was a function performed by the State's Ministry of Agriculture. The principal officers in charge of the programme today are still part of this originally seconded core staff. The RISADEP extension service has a major innovation in world Bank assisted agricultural services in Nigeria in the sense that it bargained for and got approval to fishing extension services on the grounds that the Rivers State had two fairly distinct ecological units upland and riverine; with the majority of rural production being farming in the upland and fishing in the riverine. The specific objectives of the extension services are as stated in Section 2.1.1.

RISADEP is part of the nation-wide ADPs established under the third phase of the World Bank's assisted agricultural development programme for the country. The programme has six developmental components. These are: crop development which includes extension; livestock development; fisheries development; rural infrastructure which has water supply and feeder roads; and commercial

services including input distribution, credit, marketing analysis is on the training and visitation component of the extension services and also the supply of inputs.

5.1.2 Programme Coverage

The programme covers the whole of Rivers Α survey of primary producers in the state carried out in 1974/75 estimated that 54% of the rural households in the main farming areas are primarily engaged in agriculture. Fishing population was about 0.86 million or 26% of State's total population. Estimating an average farming household size as 7 persons, the total number of affected by the programme would be about 965,000. Statewide, the extension programme is organized into the zone and Yenagoa zone. Yenagoa zone has 138 The Nchia zone has 144 circles. The circle has about 800 to 1,200 farm families with a single extension agent in charge. The programme has a life-cycle of years going from 1988 to 1998 with the period 1988 to 1991 constituting phase 1.

5.2 Impact Analysis of Agricultural Extension Programme

The analysis of programme impact as in the case of the feeder roads is also done at the level of the community in general and that of the individual on the basis of income levels and gender. The ADP concept as practiced by RISADEP depends heavily for its success on the training and visitation system and the introduction of high yielding varieties of crops. Other sub-programmes are

designed to facilitate extension services. This has informed our emphasis on the extension services sub-programme of the ADP.

5.2.1 Characteristics of Respondents

Various facets of the social and economic characteristics of respondents were documented in the questionnaire and analysed. These include age, sex, educational status, occupation and migration status.

In Tables 5.1 and 5.2 the sex and age structures of respondents show that 45.9% are males and 54.1% are females. Most respondents are at the peak of their productive years, that is between 30 and 50 years of age which has 52.6% of respondents. However, the population is an aging one and respondents over 59 years of age constitute 24%.

Table 5.1: Sex of Respondents

Sex	Number of Respondents	%
Male Female	151 178	45.9 54.1
Total	329	100.00%

Table 5.2: Age of Respondents

Age Group	Number of Respondents	Valid %	Cumulative %
20-29 years 30-39 years 40-49 years 50-59 years 59+ years	1 106 66 77 79	0.3 32.2 20.1 23.4 24.0	0.3 32.5 52.6 76.0 100.0
Total	329	100.0	

In terms of educational status, respondents are largely illiterate with 42.9% reporting no form of formal education and 23.4% having had primary school education. Details are as shown in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3: Educational Status of Respondents

Level of Education	No. of Respondents	Valid %	Cumulative %
None	141	42.9	42.9
Primary School Completed	77	23.4	66.3
Secondary/Commercial School Completed Teacher Training/ Vocational School	99	30.1	96.4
Completed	1	0.3	96.7
Polytechnic/University	11	3.3	100.0
Total	329	100.0	100%

The occupational groupings reflect the fishing and farming target of the extension programme. The near of respondents who depend entirely on fishing is itself reflective of the ecological areas in which field survey was conducted. Although Sagbama and Yenagoa local government areas are largely riverine, they retain sufficiently large areas of cultivable land very suitable plantain and sweet potatoes production. Moreover, the bulk of their fishing is pond fishing in contrast to the deep sea fishing characteristic of Brass, Degema and Bonny Local Government Area. The interesting aspect of the data is the over half (56.2%) of respondents who

combine fishing and farming. The occupational grouping would seem to justify the RISADEP's position on its introduction of fishing extension services.

Table 5.4: Occupation of Respondents

Occupation	No. of Respondents	٥/٥
Farming Fishing Farming plus fishing	143 1 185	43.5 0.3 56.2
Total	329	100.0

Respondents were asked to indicate both the period of time in which they have lived and worked in the community and the period of time they have been engaged in primary production. Details are as given in Tables 5.5 and 5.6 respectively. The idea was to ensure that

Table 5.5: Length of Stay in the Locality

Time	No. of Respondents	%
6 - 10 years 11 - 15 years 15+ years	22 48 259	6.7 14.6 78.7
Total	329	100.00

Table 5.6: Length of Occupational Practice

Time	No. of Respondents	ે
1 - 5 years 6 - 10 years 11 - 15 years 15+ years	55 47 32 195	16.7 14.3 9.7 59.3
Total	329	100.0

respondents had sufficient knowledge about pre-programme conditions so that the performance of the programme can be properly assessed. From Table 5.5 it can be observed that 78.7% of respondent have lived in the community for over 15 years. They have lived there long enough to be sufficiently aware of the activities of agricultural extension agents.

5.2.2 <u>Impact of the Agricultural Extension Programme on</u> Rural Incomes

Although rural incomes are influenced by various factors, agricultural extension is crucial. Its intended focus on the small farmer makes it an instrument of rural development. According to Hoffman and Hoffman (1989), the focus of extension on the small farmer seeks to understand the situation such farmers find themselves and identifies the possibilities that exist for positive action in order to eliminate the factors causing poverty and through these help them gain access to better production and living conditions in the long term.

The assessment of the impact of the programme on incomes is done directly and indirectly. Directly, we have compared the real incomes (reported income adjusted for inflation) for 1987; 1990 and 1991/92. Indirectly, we have used indicators such as the expansion of production; employment of labour and use of inputs; the purchase of household assets; and the building of one's

own house. We recognize the limitations of indirect measures but it is hoped that collectively they can give a picture of how well the farmers and fishermen are doing in the last four years.

5.2.2.1 <u>Comparative Analysis of Agricultural Incomes</u> <u>from 1987 to 1991/92</u>

Table 5.7 shows by way of descriptive statistics (percentages) the number of respondents who have earned specific levels of income across the years.

Appendix X provide detailed statistical analysis and cross-tabulations of the changing pattern of incomes between 1987 and 1991/92 when field survey was done.

In 1987, 49.8% earned about N550 or less per month on the average while 43.5% had average monthly incomes of N700. 6.7% reported no incomes either because they could remember not or were unwilling to. Comparatively in 1990 the proportion of respondents earning below N550 per month showed an increase to 69.9% while in 1991/92, there was a slight decrease proportion to 43.8%. Incomes exceeding N700 per month showed a fall in both 1990 and 1991/92 to about 20.1% and 23.45 of total respondents respectively. We can conclude a gradual worsening of the income situation of rural people.

However descriptive and inferential statistical analysis based on Tables 5.8 and 5.9 give a more detailed

picture of income trends. In Tables 5.8 only one whose income was "less than N100" in 1990 respondent income of N100 - N250 in 1987. earned an respondents (29.48%) who had earned "between N251 and in 1987 had a decrease in income to "N100" per month. In 1991/92, this number had decreased M250" 2 respondents who earned "between N251 - N400" had in 1990 actually decreased to "less than N100" earnings. On the other hand, 22 respondents (6.69%) whose "N401 - N550" in 1987 were in 1990 earning income was earning "N100 - N250" and 11 earning less with 11 "N251 - N400". 22 respondents Also, whose incomes N400" per month were "between №251 and N250" in 1991/92. The chi-square N100 "between statistical test of distribution of respondents who had increase or decrease of incomes between 1987 and 1990 to discussed above for income categories of 1991/92 as or less per month was significant at the 0.01 level of confidence.

The computed chi-square values of 22.92273 (for 1987 income) and 26.400 (for 1990 income) controlling for 1991/92 incomes (up to N100 - N250) are greater than the tabulated values of 6.63 with degrees of freedom = 1. Out of the 66(20.06%) respondents who in 1987 had incomes N701 - N850", 11 (3.34%)had in 1990 decreased to incomes "between N551 - N700" while 20 (6.08%) had a decrease to "between N401 - N550"

Table 5.7: Average Monthly Agricultural Incomes 1987, 1990 and 1991/92

Income	1987	%	1990	%	1991/92	%
Less than N100	31	(9.4)	23	(7.0)	1	(0.3)
₩100 - ₩ 250	12	(3.6)	130	(39.5)	66	(20.1)
₩251 - ₩400	99	(30.1)	46	(14.0)	11	(3.3)
₩401 - ₩550	22	(6.7)	31	(9.4)	66	(20.1)
₩551 - ₩700	_	-	11	(3.3)	-	
₩701 - ₩850	66	(20.1)	-	△ - Y	12	(3.6)
₩851 - ₩1000	12	(3.6)	44	(13.4)	21	(6.4)
Above №1000	65	(19.8)	22	(6.7)	44	(13.4)
No Response	22	(6.7)	22	(6.7)	108	(32.8)
Total	329	(100.0)	329	(100.0)	329	(100.0)

Table 5.8: Cross-Tabulation of 1987 and 1990 Average Monthly Income

					Incomes in 1	990				
Incomes in 1987	Less than №100	N100-N250	₩251-₩400	₱401-₱550	N551-N700	N701-N850	№851-№1000	₩1,000+	Non Response	Total
Less than №100	20	11	(-)	-	-	-	-	_	-	31
₩100-₩250	1	11	7	-	-	-	_	-	_	12
₩251-₩400	2	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
₦ 401-₦550	-	11	11	-	-	_	-	_	-	22
₩551-₩700	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
₹701-₹850	-	-	35	20	11	-	-	-	_	66
₩851-₩1000	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	-	-	12
Above №1,000	-	-		-	-	-	45	22	_	65
Non-Response	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22
Total	23	130	46	31	11	-	44	22	22	329

Table 5.9: Cross-Tabulation of 1987 and 1991/92 Average Monthly Income

Incomes in 1987		Incomes in 1991/92								
	Less than №100	N100-N250	₱251-₱400	₱401 - ₱550	₱551-₱700	N701-N850	№851-№1000	№ 1,000+	Non Response	Total
Less than N100	_	-		-	-	11	_	-	20	31
№100- № 250	1	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	11	12
N251-N400	-	44	-	-	-	_	-	_	55	99
N401-N550	_	22	_	-	-	_	-		<u>-</u>	22
N551-N700	-	_	-	• V	_	_		_	-	-
₩701-₩850	_	-	11	55	-	-	-	-	-	66
№851-№1000	-			11	-	1	-	-	-	12
Above ₹1,000	-	_	- (-	-	-	21	44		65
Non-Response	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	22	22
Total	1	66	11	66	-	12	21	44	108	329

35 (10.64%) decreased to "between N251 - N400" average monthly incomes. Taking our 66 respondents across to 1991/92 period, we see from Table 5.9 that 11 (3.34%) had come to earn "between N251 - N400" and 55 (16.72%) to N401 N550" still a decrease from 1987 levels.

One respondent who had monthly incomes of "between N851 - N1000 retained his income status during 1990 while 11 respondents had decreasing in comes to "N401 - N550" per month. A chi-square test of significance was calculated to be 14.90323. This is significant at the 0.10 level of confidence with a tabulated \mathbf{x}^2 value of 9.21 at degrees of freedom = 2.

The sharp decreases registered for the lower income groups do not really occur at higher income levels. For instance we can observe further from Table 5.8 that of the 65 respondents who had incomes above N1000 per month 22 retained their income status while 43 had decreases to "between N851-N1,000". In 1991/92, 44 out of the 65 retained their 1987 income levels with 21 registering a decrease to "N851 - N1,000" per month (see Table 5.9).

5.2.2.2 <u>Impact of Agricultural Extension Programme on</u> <u>Expansion of Productive Capacity</u>

Generally respondents are small-scale producers. We have taken in 2.3.1 the maximum farm size of a

small-scale farmer to be (Bovil, 1978). 2 Hectares However Table 5.10 shows that by our measure 63.6% of all respondents are small-scale producers. Table 5.11 shows productive units that these are fragmented with about 72.6% recording between three and six farms and, or fish ponds. It is interesting to note 258 (78.42%) indicated they had increased their units of operations between 1987 and 1991/92. these only 77 (23.40%) attributed the increase in size of operations to the receipt of extension services. In Tables 5.13 and 5.14, the details of these patterns are given of the frequency of extension agent visit inputs received or not received.

Table 5.10: Farm Size

Size	Frequency	Valid %	Cumulative %
Less than 0.5 Ha 0.5 Ha - 0.9 Ha 1.0 Ha - 1.4 Ha 1.5 Ha - 1.9 Ha 2 Ha and above	1 65 17 126 120	0.3 19.8 5.2 38.3 36.5	0.3 20.1 25.3 63.6 100.0%
Total	329	100.0%	

Table 5.11: Size of Operations

Size	Frequency	જ
1-2 Farms/Fish ponds 3-4 Farms/Fish ponds 5-6 Farms/Fish ponds Over 6 Farms/Fish ponds	1 75 164 89	0.3 22.8 49.8 27.1
Total	329	100.0

Table 5.12: Increase in Size of Operations

Increase	Frequency	%
Yes No	258 71	78.42 21.58
Total	329	100%

the 77 respondents who claim that they had expanded their size of operation because of extension services 22 (6.69%) had received only advice; 15 (4.56%) had received loans, 1 respondent had received both chemicals equipment. 39(11.85%) claimed they had not received any input direct from RISADEP extension agents. applies a contact farmer system where the agency selects a number of farmers to serve as information couriers in their communities. Thus it is not unlikely that relevant information had gotten to some farmers and fishermen through the contact people. A retired female school teacher at Agbere, in Sagbama Local Government Area informed me that while she had asked for and was not able to get fertilizer through the extension agent assigned to her community, she was later able to buy from some other farmers at the rate of 50k for a cigarette cup of fertilizer. Also, the data could indicate differences in the expectations made by the people of their extension agent and the agents understanding of what their roles entail.

At Egwi in Etche Local Government Area, the report was made that in 1990 the Agricultural extension agent came only once and distributed fertilizer to a particular co-operative society. However in 1991, a new agent only appeared once to introduce himself and was never seen or heard from again.

In Table 5.14, we examine the case of respondents who reported increases is size of operations but this was not due to RISADEP extension services. Of the 181 who indicated increases in operations 48 had loans and 132 had nothing. Some of these respondents attributed their increase to hard work.

Sub-Hypothesis (i) H_O : There is no significant difference (α =0.01) between the number of persons employed by farmers and fishermen between 1987 and 1990 and between 1987 and 1991/92 H_1 : there is a significant difference.

Decision: Accept H_O if critical value is greater than calculated value. Reject H_O if calculated value is greater.

From Table 5.15, applying the X^2 formula:

- (a) For $1987 1990 \times^2 = 0.00187 + 0.01329 + 0.0755 + 0.00211$
- (b) For 1987 $\frac{0.094}{1991/92}$ $X^2 = 0.01408 + 0.08931 + 0.0977 + 0.00211$

 $= \underbrace{0.2032}_{\text{Critical X}^2 \text{ with df}} = \underbrace{3 \text{ at 0.01 confidence level}}_{\text{Conclusion: Accept H}_O \text{ at 0.01 significance level.}$

Thus we can conclude that statistically there has been no significant change in level of labour employed. This conclusion will also lend support to the earlier

observation from field survey that much of the labour comes by using family members (See Tables 5.15 and 5.16).

Also of note is the fact that some oil Companies provide extension services as part of their community development efforts. A chi-square test of significant difference in the number of persons employed between 1987, 1990 and 1991/92 is statistically not significant with 0.094 for 1990 and 0.2032 for 1991/92. We can conclude that the number of persons employed between 1987 and 1991/92 is not markedly different from one year to the other.

measures of programme impact on income Indirect using such measures as loans granted and purchase of inputs and household assets indicate that impacts has not From Table 5.13, it can be observed marked. only 15 respondents representing 4.56% of respondent indicate that they were granted loans and that this has contributed to the increase in their operations; only 1 respondent had received chemicals and equipment. From Table 5.16, the use of labour saving as a contributory factor to the expansion of productions was attributed to by 11 (3.3%) respondents. issue of household assets is treated in detail in section 5.2.4.

Table 5.13: Cross-Tabulation of Increase in Size of Operations Attributed to Extension Services with Frequency of Extension Agent Visit and Type of Input Received

Type of Input	Frequency of Extension Agent Visit							
1	Once Every Two Weeks	Once in a Month	Once in 2-3 Months	Once in 6-9 Months	Once in a Year	Never	Row Total	%
Chemicals	-	-	-	-		-	_	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	O -	-	-	-
Advice	-	2	16	4		-	22	(6.69%)
Loans	-	-	15	-	V O '-	-	15	(4.56%)
Nothing	-	-	37	-	2	-	39	(11.85%)
Chemical & Equipment	-	-	1	-	-	- -	1	(0.3%)
Column Total		2	69	4	2		77	(23.40%)
%	•	(0.61%)	(20.97%)	(1.22%)	(0.61%)	_	(23.40%)	

Table 5.14: Cross-Tabulation of Increase in Size of Operations Not Attributed to Extension Services
With Frequency of Etension Agent Visit and Type of Input Received

Type of Input		Frequency of Extension Agent Visit						
1 1	Once Every Two Weeks	Once in a Month	Once in 2-3 Months	Once in 6-9 Months	Once in a Year	Never	Row Total	%
Chemicals	-		-	u		-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Advice	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	_
Loans	-	9	-	2	4	34	49	14.89%
Nothing	-	_	2	4	12	114	132	40.12%
Column Total	-	9	2	6	16	148	181	55.01%
%	(0)	(0.61%)	(20.97%)	(1.22%)	(0.61%)	4	(23.40%)	

Table 5.15: Employment of Labour from 1987 to 1991/92

Number Employed	1987	%	1990	%	1991/92	%
None	66	(20.1)	69	(21.0)	59	(17.9)
1 - 5 Persons	113	(34.3)	82	(24.9)	87	(26.4)
6 - 10 Persons	66	(20.1)	91	(27.7)	96	(29.2)
Above 10 Persons	83	(25.2)	87	(26.4)	87	(26.4)
No Response	1	(0.3)	-	-	-	-
Total	329	(100.0%)	326	(100.0)	329	(100.0)

Table 5.16: Factors Influencing Number of Persons Employed Between 1987 and 1991/92

Reason	No. of Respondents	%
Use of Labour Saving Devices	11	3.3%
Use of More Family Labour	141	42.9%
Use of More Advanced Techniques	36	10.9%
Poor or Increased Turnover	54	16.4%
Others	87	26.4%
Total	329	100.0%

5.2.3. <u>Impact of Agricultural Extension Programme on</u> <u>Productivity</u>

Three indicators are used to assess the programme's impact on productivity. These as indicated in section 2.3.1 are:

- (i) Reaching the target groups
- (ii) Increase in productivity
- (iii) Increase in initiative and independence We shall take each in turn.

5.2.3.1 Reaching the Target Groups

Perhaps of all indicators in this chapter this the most critical because extension has to do with direct with farmers fisherman. Also in contact and environment where other means information dissemination are hopelessly inadequate a face-to-face contact between agents and producers is not only critical but inevitable.

In Table 5.17 and 5.18, descriptive statistics show two measures of how effectively extension services have reached the target group. The first is the actual receipt or non-receipt of extension service. 194 (59%) of respondents have never received any form of extension service while 46 (14%) last received any service over two years ago. Interestingly 56 (17%) of respondents received some form of service in the last one year and 25 (7.6%) within the six months immediately preceding field

survey. Receipt of extension services is distinct actual agent visit. From time to time inputs can distributed to farmers and fisherman but this is not the as the actual face-to-face contact with an which is the data presented in Table 5.18. In this case, 201 (61.1%) of respondents have never been contacted an extension agent and only 1 respondent claims to have been visited every two weeks. As was the case of previous table, 71 (21.6%) of respondents were contacted by an agent once in two to three months. Out of these 71, 39 reported that they received nothing from the agent, 16 received advice, 1 received chemicals and equipment and got loans through the agent. (see Table The next significant category are those contact with an agent once in a year. Of the respondents in this category, 20 had received no inputs; 4 had obtained loans, 9 received advice. The two measures descriptively discussed above will be further analysed using cross tabs and inferential statistics in order to

Table 5.17: Receipt of Extension Services

Period	No. of Respondents	%
Never Less than 6 months ago 6 months - 12 months ago 13 months - 18 months ago 19 months - 24 months ago Over 24 months ago	194 25 56 8 Nil 46	59.0 7.6 17.0 2.4 - 14.0
Total	. 329	100.0%

provide a more detailed picture of how effective the programme has been.

Table 5.18: Frequency of Extension Agent Visit

Frequency	No. of Respondents	%
Never Once every two weeks Once every month Once in two to three months Once in six to nine months Once in a year	201 1 11 71 12 33	61.1 0.3 3.3 21.6 3.6 10.0
Total	329	100.0%

(i) <u>Sex of Respondents</u>, <u>Educational Level and The Receipt</u> of Extension <u>Services and Inputs</u>

Our relevant hypotheses for this section are as follows:

- (a) The training and visitation system of the extension programme of RISADEP favours rich, better educated farmers/fishermen and therefore by-passes the small holders.
- (b) The training and visitation system of the extension programme of RISADEP favours male farmers/fishermen and therefore by-passes female farmers/fisher women.

Appendix XI provides detailed analysis of the relationship between gender, education, and receipt of extension services.

In Table 5.21, 123 females representing 37.39% of respondents received nothing by way of inputs from extension agents in comparison with 29.79 males. 34 respondents of both sexes received loans while 21 females and 18 males received advice. When these statistics are

Table 5.19: Cross-Tabulation of Receipt of Extension Service and Type of Input Received

Receipt of Extension		Input Received %					
Service	Advice	Loans	Equipment & Chemicals	Nothing	Total		
Never	6	39	0	149	194		
Less than 6 months ago	4	4	1	16	25		
6-12 months ago	8	20	0	28	56		
13-18 months ago	0	0	0	8	8		
19-24 months ago	0	0	0	0	0		
Over 24 months ago	21	5	0	20	46		
Total	39	68	1	221	329		

Table 5.20: Cross-Tabulation of Frequency of Extension Visit and Type of Input Received

Frequency of	Input Received						
Extension Visit	Advice	Loans	Equipment & Chemicals	Nothing	Total		
Every two weeks	0	0	1	0	1		
Once every month	2	9	0	0	11		
Once in two to three months	16	16	0	39	71		
Once in six to	6	2	0	4	12		
nine months	9	4	0	20	33		
Once in a year Never	6	37	0	158	201		
Total	39	68	1	221	329		

Table 5.21: Cross-Tabulation of Sex of Respondent and Type of Input Received

Sex of	Input Received %							
Respondent	Advice	Loans	Equipment & Chemicals	Nothing	Total			
Male Female	18 (5.47) 21 (6.38)	34(10.33) 34 (10.33)	1 (0.30) 0 (0)	98 (29.79) 123 (39.39)	151 178			
Total	39	68	1	221	329			

Table 5.22: Cross-Tabulation of Educational Status of Respondents and Type of Service Received

Educational Status	Type of Input (%)							
	Advice	Loans	Chemicals & Equipment	Nothing	Row Total	%		
None	16 (4.86)	16 (4.86)	-	109 (33.13)	141	42.86%		
Primary School Completed Secondary/Commercial	12 (3.65)	16 (4.86)	-	49 (14.89)	77	23.40%		
School Completed Teacher Training/	11(3.34)	29 (8.81)	÷	59 (17.93)	99	30.09%		
Vocational School Polytechnic/University	-	7 (2.13)	1 (1.3)	- 4 (1.22)	1 11	0.3% 3.35%		
Total	39	68	1	221	329	100.0%		

spread across different levels of education, analysis showed that 83.3% of the female respondents who never received extension service but received input in the form advice had no education as against 16.79% who were of primary school level. On the other hand only 4 respondents who were of primary school educational level reported having received extension visits "less than months ago" with an input in the form of advice. Four of the male respondents who reported having received extension service visits "6 to 12 months ago" with input as advice were of secondary or commercial school level. The four females who reported to have had the same type of extension visits and input had no education at all. A test of significance that the variables are independent using the chi-square statistic was rejected. The computed chi-square value of 9.54545 with df = 2 was statistically significant at .01 confidence level. Thus it concluded that the sex and educational levels of the respondents were significantly related to the extension services and type of inputs they received.

A measure of the association of the variables in predicting receipt of extension service and type of input was accomplished through the lambda statistic as shown in Appendix XI. Of the two independent variables of sex and ducational level of the respondents, the sex of the respondent (with lambda .60000) is the better criterion

in predicting the receipt of extension service and type of input received by the respondent. The Pearson correlation value of r=-.58387 indicates that illiterate female farmers are discriminated against in the distribution of extension services and input in the form of advice.

Further analysis considered the relationship between sex of the respondent, educational level, non-receipt of extension service visits and receipt of loans as inputs. Analysis shows that 12 male respondents never received any extension service visits but they obtained loans Of the 12 beneficiaries of loans 3 input. six were of primary school level, while uneducated, secondary or commercial of school Surprisingly 27 female respondents reported no extension agent visits but obtained loan inputs. Out of these, 11 were uneducated, 10 had attended primary schools and 6 held secondary school certificates. of test significance using the chi-square statistic statistically non-significant. The chi-square of .94147 with df= 2 was statistically non significant at .05 level criterion. Thus farmers who never received extension service but received loan input were not discriminated the basis of their gender or educational against on level. The findings suggest that the extension agents are rarely visiting the communities and that farmers can get

loans from other sources on their own merit irrespective of their sex or educational status. What may be of interest to the lender is the collateral which in rural areas is usually land.

The next analysis involved those who received extension service "less than 6 months ago" to between 6 and 12 months ago and equally received loans.

Four female respondents fell into this category.

Comparatively 19 male respondents reported having received extension services "6 12 months addition to loans input. Of this number, 15 had completed secondary school while 4 were graduates of Polytechnics Universities. There was only one female respondent held Secondary/Commercial School certificate and had been contacted by an extension agent 6 - 12 months ago in addition to having obtained loans. Fisher's Exact test of probabilities of obtaining the observed results if variables were independent was 1.000 indicating that the variables of sex and educational status were not related to the receipt of extension service in the frequency "6 months - 12 months ago" in combination with receipt of loan input.

Further analysis showed that 48 male respondents neither received extension visits nor any type of inputs whatsoever. Of this group 8 were uneducated; 28 had primary school education and 12 had received

secondary/commercial school certificates. Similarly, 101 female respondents reported that they neither received extension visits nor any input. Eight-four of the group were uneducated, 13 had attended primary school and 4 had secondary school education. Α test ofstatistical significance of the independence of the variables using chi-square statistic was statistically significant. Computed X^2 value of 61.15586 with df = 2 was significant at 0.01 confidence level. With a lambda value of and .35088 for sex and educational level respectively; it was concluded that the sex of the respondents was better criterion in predicting non receipt of extension service and non-receipt of inputs. The findings suggest comparatively female farmers/fishermen had access to agricultural extension service than men.

next analysis involved respondents who reported receiving extension services "less than 6 months ago" without any input as shown in Appendix XI. Four respondents held primary school certificate while the other four held Secondary/Commercial School certificates. Comparatively none of the eight female respondents were educated. Thus, 100% reduction in error obtained when sex of the respondent was used predict receipt of extension services "less than 6 months without any input. On the other hand, 4 primary school graduates and 20 secondary /commercial school

graduates all males reported having received extension services "6 months to 12 months ago" without any input as against 4 female graduates of secondary schools. The chisquare tests of significance between sex of the respondents and receipt of extension services of "6 months to 12 months ago" with no inputs was not significant at 0.05 level of confidence.

Further statistical analysis on the relationship gender, education and receipt of extension services and inputs involved the category of respondents who reported receiving services "13 months to 18 ago" with no input. The finding reveal 4 male secondary school graduates and 4 illiterate females reporting that they fell into this category. A test statistic using fisher's exact test was significant at .05 level confidence. With lambda values of 1.00000 for both and educational status it was concluded that variable was an important factor in predicting receipt of extension services. The results further suggest that uneducated female respondents are likely to receive extension services infrequently without any inputs as shown in the Appendix with Pearson r = -1.0000.

The Appendix further shows the distribution of respondents who reported having received extension visits " over 24 months ago" without any type of input. Within this category are 14 male farmers comprising 11

secondary/commercial school graduates and 1 polytechnic/University graduates as against 5 uneducated and 1 polytechnic school female respondents. A chi-square test of significance with df = 2 was statistically significant with the computed X² value of 16.42857. sex of the respondents was equally found to be a better predictor of extension visits in this category with a lambda value of .83333 >.55556.

Finally only 1 male respondent with teacher training education was found to have, received extension visits "less than 6 months ago" and had received a complete range of inputs in from of chemicals, equipment, loan and advice.

(ii) Reaching the Target Group: the use of Receipt of Extension Service as Indicator

Analysis in this and the next three sub-sections of this chapter applies the techniques of multiple regression and correlation analysis and analysis of variance. Using the receipt of extension service as the dependent variable, a multiple regression analysis was done with the remaining thirty variables as independent variables. The results of the analysis are as contained in Appendix XII.

Table 5.23 Analysis of Variance Table for Testing the Significance of the Set of Regression Co-efficients for the Receipt of Extension Service

Source	Degrees of Freedom (df)	Sums of Squares (SS)	Variance	F	
Regression	30	760.58443	25.35281	30.74548	r= 0.86937 r ² = 0.75581
Error	298	245.73168	0.82460		
Total	328	1006.3161			

 ${\rm H}_{\rm O}\colon$ There is no significant relationship between the receipt of extension service and the set of independent variables.

 H_1 : There is a significant relationship using the F test, calculated F value is critical F value F 30/298 at 0.01 confidence level is 1.70.

Ho and state that reject there is Conclusion: significant relationship. The co-efficient determination $r^2=0.75581$ leading to the conclusion that 75.581% of the variation in the receipt of extension is explained by the combined influence of the other 30 independent variables. The specific contribution made to this variation by the individual variables is provided by the significant T values. With our decision criteria set at an alpha level of 0.05, any such 'value that is greater than 0.05 is not significant. Therefore, the significant variables include: frequency of extension agent visit, educational status, occupation, participation in field demonstration monthly income among others.

(iii) Reaching the Target Group: the Use of Frequency of Extension Agent Visit as Indicator

Result of the multiple regression analysis that predicted the variation in the frequency of extension agent visit are as presented in Appendix XIII.

Table 5.24 Analysis of Variance table for Testing the Significance of the Set of Regression Co-efficients for the Frequency of Extension Agent Visits to Farmers and Fishermen

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Variance	F	
Regression	30	540.04782	18.00159	74 07040	r=0.93961
Error	298	71.64823	0.24043	74.87240	r ² =0.88287
Total	328	611.69605			

 ${\rm H_O}\colon$ There is no significant relationship between the frequency of extension agent visit to farmers/fishermen and the set of independent variables as listed in Appendix XIII.

 H_1 : There is a significant relationship.

Calculated F value = 74.87240 Critical F 30/298 at 0.01 confidence level = 1.70 Conclusion: We reject Ho and state that there is a significant relationship. With coefficient of determination at $r^2 = .88287$ we can summarize that 88.287% of the variation in the visits made by extension agents is explained by the set of regression coefficients. The significant independent

variables include: number of persons employed by the farmer/fishermen; education, the length of occupational practice, age, monthly income, participation in field demonstration and size of operations.

(iv) Reaching the Target Group: the Use of Type of Input Received as Indicator

Further analysis of the measure of impact of RISADEP's extension service to farmers and fishermen examined the distribution of inputs in form of equipment, chemicals, loans and advice. Regression analysis using the input received as dependent variable is presented in Appendix XIV.

Table 5.25 Analysis of Variance Table for Testing the Significance of the Set of Regression Co-efficients for the Type of Input Received by Farmers and Fishermen

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Variance	Ŧ	
Regression	30	82.86001	2.76200	10.52067	r=0.71719
Error	298	78.23422	0.26253		r ² =0.51436
Total	328	161.09423			

 ${\rm H}_{\rm O}\colon$ There is no significant relationship between the type of input received and the set of independent variables as listed in Appendix XIV

 H_1 : There is a significant relationship.

Calculated F value = 10.52067 Critical F 30/298 at 0.01 confidence level =1.70 Conclusion: We reject H_O and state that there is a significant relationship. With co efficient of determination at .51436, we can summarize that 51.436% of the variation in the type of input received by farmers and fishermen is accounted for by the set of regression co-efficients.

This value is not surprising as we have earlier in 5.2.2.2 (i) established that loans and other inputs obtained without the assistance of the extension agents. significant factors influencing the input received include the number of persons employed, cost service received, monthly incomes, age and size of operations. Correlation analysis shows that type of input received is positively significantly correlated, with employed, number increase in size of operations, possession of household assets, participation in field demonstration, and the frequency of extension agent visit among others. Also significant is the fact that input received is negatively significantly correlated with age, with the time period within which extension service was last received and the monthly incomes 1987 and 1990.

(v) Reaching the Target Group: Using the Cost of Extension Services Received as Indicator

The cost of extension services is a significant variable in as much as it determines the ability to and actual participation in the extension services programme. Table 5.26 shows the cost of services received. Only 24 (22.2%) respondent out of a total of 108 who received extension service had to pay for what they received. Results of the multiple regression analysis presented in Appendix XV analyses the variation in the cost of extension services received using the remaining thirty independent variables as predictors.

Table 5.26: Cost of Services Received

Amount	No. of Respondents	%
Nothing	305	92.7
Up to №150	12	3.6
N151 - N350	11	3.3
₩351 - ₩550	Nil	0
N551 - N750	1	0.3
Total	329	100.0%

Table 5.27 Analysis of Variance Table for Testing the Significance of the Set of Regression Co-efficient for the Cost of Extension Services Received

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Variance	F	
Regression	30	59.76058	1.99202	DE 61010	r=0.94015
Error	298	7.85036	0.02634	75.61717	r ² =0.88389
Total	328	67.61094			

 ${\rm H}_{\rm O}$: There is no significant relationship between the cost of extension services received and the set of independent variables.

 H_1 : There is a significant relationship.

Calculated F value = 75.61717

Critical $F_{30/298}$ at 0.01 confidence level = 1.70

We reject H_O and state that there is Conclusion: significant relationship between the cost of services received and the thirty independent variables listed in The co-efficient of determination r^2 value Appendix XV. leads to the conclusion that 88.389% of the variations in the cost of extension services is explained by the independent variables. significance The of the contribution made by specific independent variables can be deduced from their significant T values.

Further analysis on the cost of extension services received involved the plotting of scatter diagrams to

show the relationship between the cost of services as the dependent variable and the thirty other variables in our regression equation, as the independent variables. Fig 11 is the normal standardized plot showing the least square line of this relationship. However figures 12, to 17 are the scatter diagrams showing the specific relationship between the cost of inputs (variable 12) and

- (i) the frequency of extension agent visit (variable
 10);
- (ii) the number of persons employed in 1991/92 (variable
 17);
- (iii) The size of operations (variable 19);
- (iv) Average monthly income of respondents in 1991/92
 (variable 24);
- (v) Participation in extension field demonstrations
 (variable 27); and
- (vi) farm size (variable 31)

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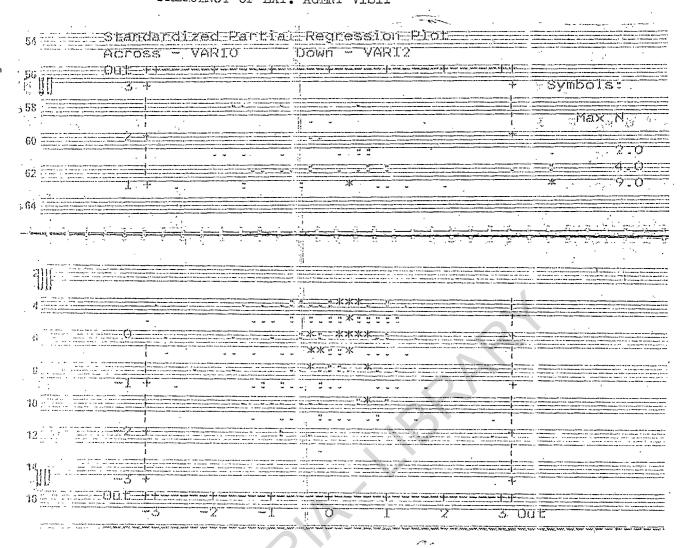
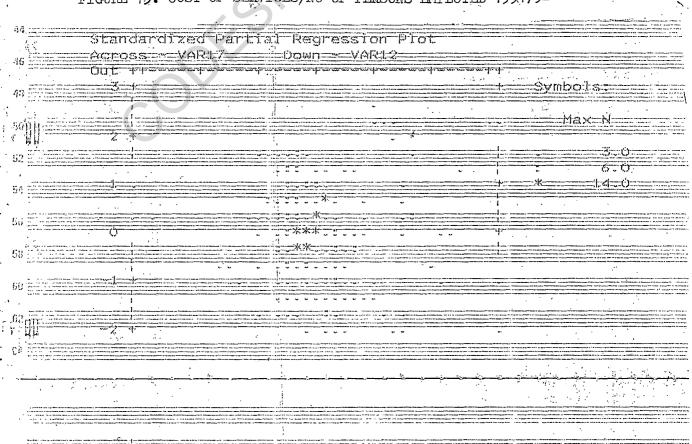


FIGURE 13: COST OF SERVICES/NO OF PERSONS EMPLOYED 1991/92



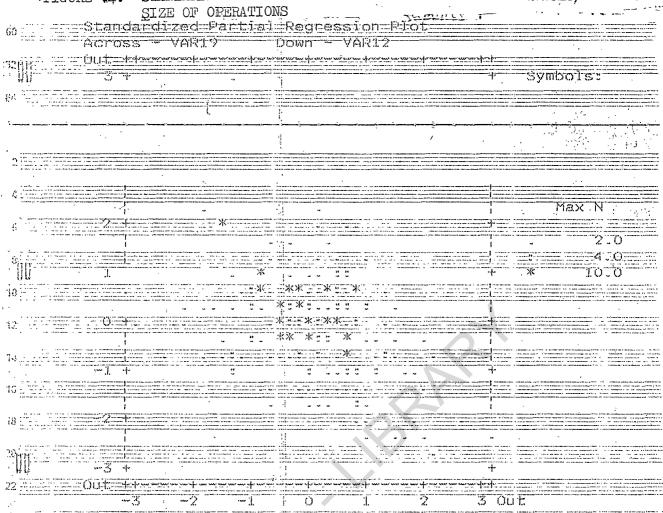
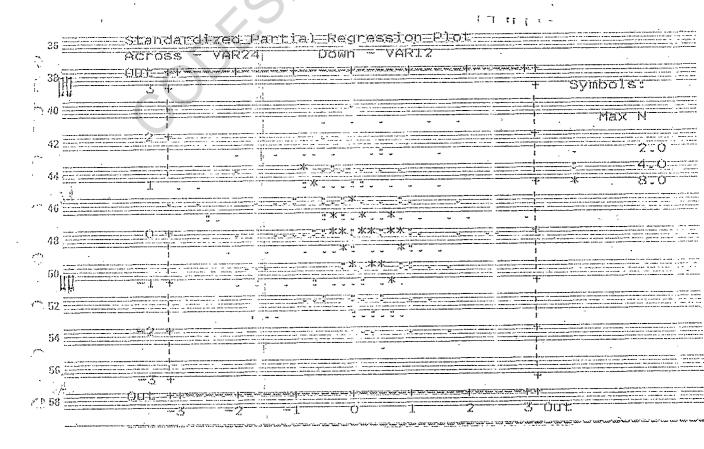


FIGURE 15: COST OF SERCICES/AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME 1991/92



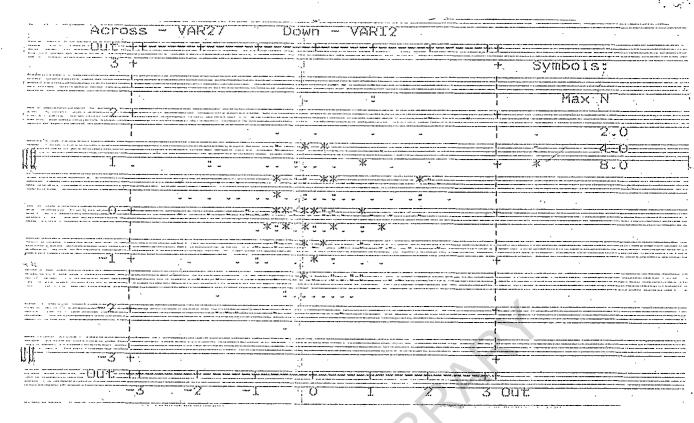
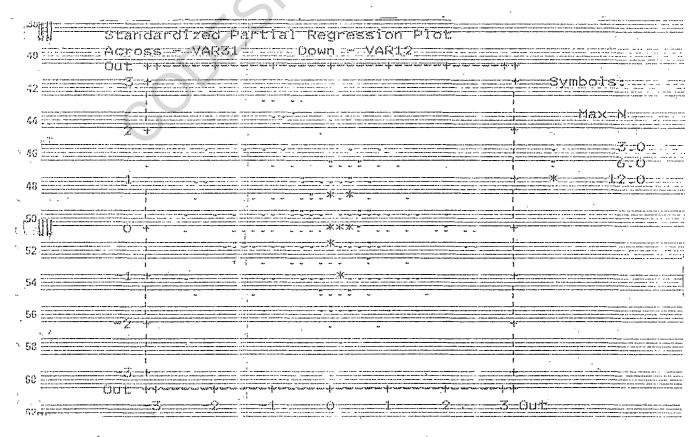


FIGURE 17: COST OF SERVICES/FARM SIZE



From the regression co-efficients in Appendix XV; we get an indication of the importance of each of these independent variables in predicting change in the cost of input received. In summary, the relationship between cost of services received and frequency of extension agent visit and participation in field demonstration are both positive whereas that between cost of services and numbers employed in 1991/92, size of operations; monthly income in 1991/92 and farm size are all negative.

Certainly, respondents who have not actually had contact with an extension agent can hardly receive any From experience the cost of inputs services. from the extension agent is expected to have been subsidized. Thus, if a respondent has to buy from the open market, he/she has to buy at market price and will therefore buy less than may be required according to the dictates of income and size of operations. In the absence of necessary inputs, farmers and fishermen attempt to increase production by more hard work marked by use of more labour and working longer hours as indeed indicated. Ιt then becomes more difficult expand production in view of input cost constraints.

5.2.3.2 <u>Increase in Initiative and Independence</u>

The number of respondents who actively participate in field demonstrations is remarkably small. Only 88 (26.7%) of respondents reported that they were

active in field demonstrations. Also 11 (3.3%) respondents indicated that they had at one time or the other during the period refused certain aspects of extension services. It is interesting to note that 11 respondents have had cause to make formal complaint about the extension services in their village. The actual rating of extension work generally shows poor performance.

Table 5.28 Rating of Village Extension Work

Rating	No. of Respondents	8
Good Average Poor No idea	68 37 101 123	20.7 11.2 30.7 37.4
Total	329	100.0%

5.2.4 <u>Impact of Agricultural Extension Programme or</u> <u>Social and Economic Welfare</u>

The impact of the extension programme on social and economic welfare uses income distribution as the key indicator. The actual measures are however indirect using increases in size of operations, employment of labour and the distribution of household assets.

First, it has already been established in section 5.2.3.2 that female farmers and fisher women are discriminated against in the distribution of extension service particularly if they are illiterates. The differential impact of this distribution is evident in

the correlation analysis between income level from 1987 to 1990 and sex of respondent. Gender was significantly and negatively correlated with income for 1987 and 1990. 1991/92 income levels are positively The significantly correlated with gender. Also using the possession of household assets as an indicator, the correlation analysis indicates a negative relationship between gender and the possession of household assets. r value of -.2815 relationship with is an level of confidence significant at the 0.001 (see Appendix XVI).

Further analysis showed that gender was negatively correlated with farm size and size of operations, with a Pearson Correlation r value of -.3017 and -.4070 both being significant at 0.001 confidence level.

Analysis of differential impact continues with the cross-tabulations of possession of household assets and size of operations with farm size as shown in Table 5.29 and 5.30 respectively. Over half (52.31%) of the respondents who had 0.5 to 0.9 Ha cultivated land had no household assets compared to 26.19% and 31.67% of respondents with farm holdings ranging from 1.5 to 1.9 and over 2 Ha respectively. This is also in line with the 15.38% of respondents holding between 0.5 to 0.9 of farm land who reported having more than one basic household item compared to 69.84% and 43.33% of respondents holding between 1.5 to 1.9 Ha of farm land and of 2 Ha and above respectively.

Out of a total of 88 respondents who had more than 6 farms and/or fish ponds 68 or 77.27% are persons having land holdings exceeding 2 Ha. However 81 or 49.39% of respondents out of the 164 who reported having between four and six farms and/or fish ponds have land holdings of 1.5 Ha to 1.9 Ha.

Table 5.29: Cross-Tabulation of Farm Size and Possession of Household Assets

	Household Assets									
Farm Size	Means of Transport	Radio	Kerosene Stove	Foam Mattress & Bed	More than 1 Item	None	None Response	Total		
Less than 0.5 Ha	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
0.5 Ha - 0.9 Ha	0	10	0	11	10	34	0	65		
1.0 Ha - 1.4 Ha	1	1	0	2	9	4	0	17		
1.5 Ha - 1.9 Ha	0	0	0	4	88	33	1	126		
2 Ha - and above	0	0	3	27	52	38	0	120		
Total	1	11	3	44	159	110	1	329		

Table 5.30: Cross-Tabulation of Farm Size and Size of Operations

Farm Size			5-6 Farms/Fish		Non Response	Total
	Ponds	Ponds	Ponds	Ponds		
Less than 0.5 Ha	-	-	1	-	-	1
0.5 Ha - 0.9 Ha	-	22	43	-	-	65
1.0 Ha - 1.4 Ha	1	2	8	6	-	17
1.5 Ha - 1.9 Ha	-	30	81	14	1	126
2 Ha - and above	<u>-</u>	21	31	68	-	120
Total	1	-75	164	88	1	329

5.3 <u>Assessment of the socio-economic Impact of the Agricultural Extension service in Relation to the Rural Development planning Environment</u>

In Table 5.31 the main components of the environment relevant to the agricultural extension programme are presented.

5.3.1 The Controlled Environment

The principal actor here is the Rivers State Agricultural Development Programme (RISADEP) itself. This agency is managed as a semi-autonomous and self accounting unit within the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The management of RISADEP comes under an ADP Executive Governor of Rivers Committee with the State Chairman. Within the ADP, its heads of sub-programmes constitute Programme Management Unit that is а responsible for the development of annual work plans and budget which then go to the Executive Committee approval. The Programme Management Unit responsible for the implementation of the work plan the supervision of field activities. At the start of the project the principal officers were all seconded to RISADEP from the Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture.

In 1988, a total of 13 extension staff with officers and extension agents were seconded. Indeed, the programme started with a conflict situation on which officers were to be seconded and at what level. The extension service

programme, hitherto a function of the state Ministry agriculture was wholly transferred to the ADP. Thus, there was a structural problem since Ministry staff brought to the new agency old work habits.

The extension services programme was planned in typically hierarchical structure by FACU assisted senior state Ministry of Agriculture staff, according to principles and format laid down by the World Bank. According to the programme design, There was 14 day training and visitation cycle. established a Extension Agents are expected to visit their 8 farmer groups within the fortnight. A Block extension agent is spend two days on training and the remainder in the He is expected to visit two agents field. and their farmer groups each day, completing a full cycle each week. His visits are to be so co-ordinated that each group of farmers within his Block over a period of a months. The Area Extension officer is the link between field staff and majority of his time in field.

It is clear that this elaborate structure is not functioning as expected. In the first instance, funding levels have not permitted the provision of adequate forms of mobility. Extension agents are given N70 per month for transportation which is very inadequate. A female extension agent in one of the riverine LGA informed me

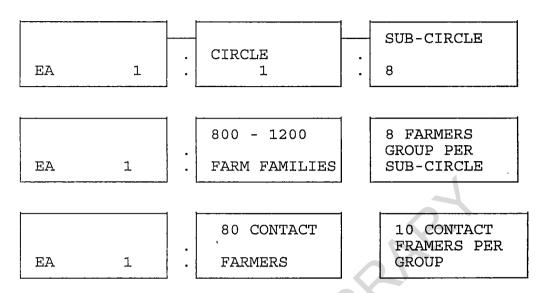
she is only able to visit her fishermen with assistance of the SPDC extension man who takes her around in his powered sea vehicle. Secondly, there is inadequate supervision. Headquarter staff hardly visit the field. Many extension agents are in other businesses or actually in institutions of higher learning and still drawing their salaries without the knowledge of supervisory staff for long periods. In all the eleven communities covered in the field survey, extension agents were seen only at Agbere and Okaka. The Chief Extension Officer confirmed had problem recruiting and actually retaining he agents especially females. This had led consistently to a between targets and actual achievements as shortfall In fact, in 1993 the indicated in Tables 5.32 and 5.33. number of contact farmers per EA is being reduced 50 because EAs have been unable to keep up the T and V systems stipulation of 80 contact farmers. Yet the contact farmer concept is the cornerstone of the T and V system (See figure 18).

Early in 1993, RISADEP received Escort motorcycles purchased by the World Bnak. Apart from the fact that this brand of motocycle is not usual in the Nigerian market and could therefore experience spare parts availability problems, sources within RISADEP informed me that they were unwilling to allocate motorcycles to female extension agents. It is ironic that while the agency is complaining about the difficulty of recruiting and keeping female extension staff, it is discriminating against those aready in employment.

Table 5.31: The Rural Development Planning Environment for Agricultural Extension Services Programme

The Controlled Environment		The Influenceable Env	ironment	The Appreciated Environment		
Actors	Factors	Actors	Factors	Actors	Factors	
RISADEP Rivers State Govt. Federal Agricultural	Implementation Financing	Other Agencies Involved in Agricultural Extension Services Provision in the	Coordination	The Federal Government	Administrative Support	
Co-ordinating Unit (FACU)	Organisation and Technical	State (Oil Companies, DFRRI)		The World Bank	Resource Allocation Decisions	
	Support	2			Programme Policy Decisions	
	C	Rural Communities Served	Participation		Monitoring	

Fig. 18: Extension Agent Ratio to Farm Families/Contact Farmers



Source: RISADEP, 1993

extension agent goes to a Community, he introduces himself to the Community leaders and be shown the capable producers (farmers and fishermen) in the community. It is from this group that he selects his contact farmers. It is clear that this concept by -passes small farmers and defeats the programme objective of helping the small producers. However, the contact farmer system is one that originates from the World Bank and since the World Bank is the chief provider of funds, ADP local staff must accept it. Funding for the ADP comes in ratio of World Bank 75% through agricultural an loan channelled through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, the Federal Government 15% and the State Government 10%. The World Bank has been known

withhold funding on grounds of poor performance. The Rivers State Government has also been known to have been unable to meet its financial commitment to the ADP.

Table 5.32 Rivers ADP Farm Visits by Extension Agents (1988-1991)

Year	Target	Achievement	Implementation
1988	18,928	7,812	41.27%
1989	33,984	10,114	29.76%
1990	33,984	20,866	61.39%
1991	33,984	24,910	73.29%

Source: RISADEP, Feb. 1993

Table 5.33: Rivers ADP Contact Farmers Visit (1989-1991)

Year	Target	Achievement	Implementation
1989	5,840	5,800	99.32%
1990	14,160	8,845	62.46%
1991	12,672	11,851	93.52%

Source: RISADEP, Feb. 1993

The Federal Agricultural Co-ordinating Unit is responsible for the planning (monitoring and evaluation) of projects. It assists the state in an advisory capacity. According to the Chief Planning Officer of the ADP, RISADEP was set up by Decree at the Federal level and an Edict at the state level, Edict No.1 of 1988. According to this edict, the primary objectives of the programme are:

(a) To increase food crop, livestock and fisheries production in Rivers State;

- (b) To increase food crop, tree crops, livestock and fisheries production of the small holder farmers and small-scale fishermen as the case may be, in Rivers State and to raise their incomes;
- (c) To help streamline the extension services and the inputs delivery systems;
- (d) To help improve the network of rural roads;
- (e) To make available safe portable water supply to the rural population; and
- (f) Generally to improve the quality of life in the rural areas of Rivers State.

(RISADEP Edict, 1988, Part 1 Section 2).

The relevant parts of the functions of the programme for our study come in part II Section 3; sub section (a), (b) and (d):

- (a) Reorganize and revitalize the agricultural and fisheries extension system in Rivers State and integrate extension workers training and farm visits and ensure a two-way communication between farmers, fishermen, extension workers and researchers;
- (b) Develop an effective farm and fishing input distribution system which operating through a network of farm and fishing service centres, will ensure that supplies of needed farm and fishing inputs are reliable and available to farmers and fishermen at right time and in close proximity to their farms and fishing ports;

(d) Develop a rigorous monitoring and evaluation system that will provide needed management information and ensure that errors in the programme are not perpetuated there or in other programmes.

It is clear that none of the above functions is being effectively done. At the start of the programme, the extension services were highly disorganized having been distributed between the state's Ministry of Agriculture, Local Government and agro-fisheries committees. Quite expectedly, the transfer of a unified service to RISADEP led to areas of conflict which had to be resolved by the commissioner and permanent secretary.

FACU had commissioned a study on the improvement of food production in Rivers State. The final report of this study was submitted in November 1981. This study had recommended that to implement a meaningful extension programme an extension worker to farmer ratio of 1:500. A key deficiency in this report is its failure to clearly identify by specific parameters who is a small-scale farmer or fishermen, or small holder as used report. This is a problem that affects the targeting extension packages. As noted by Nwankwo (1987) rural development planners usually fail to take the extante social structure into account and this leads socio-economic differentiation of increasing agricultural producers.

Table 5.34: Funding Status of RISADEP 1987 to 1991

	Actual Amount Released (N Thousands)				Budgeted Amount (N Thousands)					
Source	From Inception to 1987	1,988	1,989	1,990	1,991	From Inception to 1987	1,988	1,989	1,990	1,991
Federal Government	3,200	2,530	2,540	750	3,000	2,210	3,000	2,500	3,000	3,000
State Government	5,000	2,300	2,500	929.93	2,950	3,850	2,300	2,500	2,000	5,932
Non-Incremental Contribution (i.e. Staff Salaries Paid Only by the State Government)	2,682	2,130.97	1,849.12	A	2,900	1,269.37	3,114.63	2,489.81		5,981
IBRD [#] International	#Reimbursement = N1,187,100 Direct Off-Shore = N7,329,900		(5)	-6,999.89	(0.863	N/A	N/A	19,200	52,793.30	(5.652
Development Association (IDA) Draw-Down	- FV7,323,300	~O>			US \$M)				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	US \$M)
Others	Nil	Nil		1,187.01		Nil	Nil	Nil	8,623.49	Nil

Source: RISADEP Annual Reports Various Years

5.3.2 The Influenceable Environment

influenceable environment of the ADP extension programme in the Rivers State consists of the beneficiaries of the programme, other agencies responsible for the provision of the same services and local authorities where projects are supposedly located. In the first instance, local government authorities are not involved in the ADP's extension programme. This may be due to the fact that the programme is not highly visible not being a physical infrastructure one. Also, the administration, of the programme is highly centralized in Port Harcourt. At Least, local governments could have been given some measure of monitoring so that they can report on erring zonal and area extension officers. The present, not infrequent occurrence, where field staff abandon their duty posts for long periods without the knowledge of the head office should have been minimized. Another problem is the maintenance of effective training and visitation system. Once again the more visible nature of the former action lends it to more the part of politicians. on MAMSER distributes inputs and seeks the assistance of the NDBDA and ADP on input distribution. DFRRI also had a multiplication programme. These are clearly the duties of the extension programme of RISADEP. The question is why these other federal bodies are involved in the first place.

beneficiaries are concerned, like a fait accompli. Many do not even concern themselves with the programme judging by the very few who participate actively in field demonstrations make complaints on the extension worker. In fact it by some extension staff that villagers would for the loans than bother about new rather qo improved techniques. In some cases the cultural practices augur well for the adoption of such do techniques. One such technique is mixed cropping. According to the Chief Extension Officer of the State, take pride in yam production and therefore do accept the idea of inter cropping with other crops. The farmer system has also not helped in the sense that it has created a feeling of isolation on those belong to the contact farmer group. villagers either did not understand the purpose of the extension agent's demonstration farm or the do not use their farms accordingly. Villagers themselves reported that the extension agent had the best farm in the village. Thus there exists an information gap is precisely one of the functions the agent is expected to perform.

5.3.3 The Appreciated Environment

This environment of the extension services programme consists of two key actors, the federal Government and World Bank as significant financial contributors to programme and also policy makers (See Table 5.34); Already the role of FACU has been mentioned but it important to state that FACU is an agency under Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this Ministry drew up a National Policy on 1984, According to Mr. Egberipou, the Chief Agriculture. Planning Officer (Implementation) in Rivers State Ministry of Finance and Planning, the State's priorities do not usually go too outside the center's because attracts some grants and loans. In an important therefore - funding-the real control for RISADEP's programme come from the World Bank. Control has been defined as "the ability of an actor to determine outcomes in a regularized (but not necessarily institutionalized) manner with a reasonable degree of certainty over matters importance" (Biersteker, 1987). This is what the World Bank does. Even before the programme took off properly, the WB insisted on some conditions being met which state to fulfil. First asked the the state MANR is required to assign staff to the ADP indicate to its viability in terms of available local manpower, to

provide office accommodation and that the state government institution from which ADP is taking off should not perform parallel tasks.

The World Bank makes purchases on behalf of the up front as part of its loan package; recent being the purchase of a new set of 4 WD vehicles and motor cycles for the agency. The World Bank approves the agency's work plan before releasing funds. Also, the is the originator of the contact farmer World Bank system. More significantly is the focus of attention cassava when in some parts of the state yams, are main crops grown particularly by male farmers. In of the Rivers State the attempt to introduce cassava thus met with resistance. The critical question amount of say the farmers and fishermen have in design and implementation of the extension programme. There is little evidence that they are being properly consulted.

5.4 <u>Summary of Findings on the Agricultural Extension</u> <u>Programme</u>

The picture that emerges from the assessment of the socio-economic impact of the agricultural extension programmes is one of very limited impact on rural people either in terms of raising incomes or productivity. It is also correct to suggest from the anlysis that most respondents are continuing their productive activities without regard to the existence or non-existence of

RISADEP extension services, as is evident from the low number of respondents who have had actual contact with extension agents or received agricultural inputs.

income effects which were measured for three 1987, 1990 and 1991/92 show a worsening of rural people particularly for the income situation of lower income groups. Whereas size of operations has also generally increased, most respondents have not attributed to RiSADEP extension services. Also, increase in size of operations was reported largely by persons having land holdings exceeding 2 Ha. Using the receipt of inputs and frequency of agent visit as indicators of the extension services to target groups, the impact does not Extension agents visits are very low with over 60% respondents never having been visited during the period 1987 to 1991/92. It is also clear that impact was limited to males. It was shown that level education, income and gender were the three critical factors determining the receipt of inputs and extension agent visit. Illiterate, poor women generally had access to agents and to inputs.

An examination of the impact in relation to the rural development planning environment of RISADEP provides insight into the ineffectiveness of the etension programme. Within the controlled environment we observe an elaborate administrative structure and plan for

extension services covering the entire River State that exists mainly on paper.

a number of reasons that were highlighted, extension agents are clearly not in the fields where they ought to be. Also inputs reaching are not farmers/fishermen adequately. Use of the contact farmer concept encourages the neglect of small-scale producers. Besides, monitoring and evaluation of the activities of extension agents is poor especially when one compares the between targets achieved as divergence reported by RISADEP with what respondents say.

Within the influenceable environment, the intended beneficiaries of the programme show reticence in the face the programme's inadequacies. Although other agencies such as oil companies and DFRRI are also involved in one form of extension service or another, there is no real conflict between them and RISADEP in the discharge of their duties. The real conflict arises in the area differences in the interests of key head office personnel, field agents and rural people. It is that the rural people are the worse off from this conflict.

The appreciated environment shows remarkable levels of control on RISADEP activities by the Federal Government and the World Bank through the funds that they make available. The final approval for the agency's work plan is done by the World Bank. Under this situation, it

is difficult for RISADEP to deviate from procedures targets laid down by the World Bank. The World had been known to withhold funds over a perceived deviation by RISADEP. The Rivers State government has also unable to meet its commitment to the agency as It is interesting to note that the fate of producers at least in the specific area of extension services in Rivers State is determined by officials based in the Washington headquarters of the World Bank. In the next chapter, the impact of a rural development programme that was entirely conceived and implemented by the Rivers State Government for young school leavers would be evaluated using the same set of criteria comprising income, productivity and social and economic welfare.

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CHAPTER 6

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL-TO-LAND PROGRAMME

6.1 Programme Description

6.1.1 Historical Background

School-to-Land programme was initiated in November 1984 by the Rivers State government under It was conceived Governor Fidelis Oyakhilome. agricultural employment scheme designed primarily attract young secondary school leavers to agricultural production by providing intensive, on-the-job training in fish and livestock farming and to promote crops, increased food production. The basic philosophy of the programme is as stated in the School-to-Land Authority Edict Sec 2.- (1) are as follows:-

- (a) "to train young school leavers in agriculture, livestock and poultry farming and place them on land acquired in all local government council areas of the State so that the young school leavers can forgo careers in agriculture, livestock, or poultry farming or mixed farming as the case may be; and
- (b) to train young school leavers in fishing techniques and provide them with fishing equipment and other inputs to enable the young school leavers to forgo careers in fishing."

The initial strategy was to provide two years of training on the job and then have participants settled on between two hectares and five hectares of land. The

School-to-Land authority is to assist them in preparation; in the provision of inputs and in providing a small monthly stipend initially sixty naira and N105 until they have their first The cost of land preparation, inputs and stipends will part of a long term loan payable from the harvest, The initial target was one farm in each of then existing 10 local government areas in the authority was only able to establish 10 farms The young farmers were to be between 18 and 30 years of age. Initial costing of required vehicles equipment was put at N4,768,110.00. Principal Officers for the programme were to be seconded from the Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture. At the close of the first registration exercise for the programme, 22,442 persons had registered. They were then lectured for a week. the end of this briefing a little under 12,000 their completed forms. Following the selection interview the first batch of 1,660 young farmers were recruited and sent for training. The selection criteria used include interest; aptitude; background, ability to improvise, In addition, "while physical fitness and staying power. on the programme, participants will agree to abide by all and regulations that may from time to time be in They will be willing to undergo regular training organized and sponsored by the project aimed at improving their skills. They must be willing to accept and implement advice and guidance from their supervisors. they must also agree to remain bona fide farmers and derive most of their income through farming and farm related activities." (RSG, 1985). The Blueprint provides further details of the land requirement and cost estimates for the programme.

6.1.2 School-to-Land Programme Coverage

The programme was designed to cover the then existing ten local government areas in the Rivers State. (See Table 6.1). However today, there are 10 farms in eight local government areas.

Table 6.1: School to Land Farms and Farm Hectarage (as at 1987)

Farm	Size of Farm (Ha)	Area Developed (Ha)
Sagbama Akumoni-Okordia Bukuma Ogbia Bunu-Tai Egbeke-Nwuba Iriebe Agbeta Kpaa Bori New Town	205 350 500 300 314.072 500 341.362 230.4 355.507	175 214 086 200 314 322 312 214 320 152
Total	3,356.341	2,336 Ha

Source: School-to-Land Authority.

6.2 <u>Socio-Economic Impact of the School-to-Land</u> Programme

The social and economic impact of the programme is assessed on two levels. The first level is that of the individual young farmer and the second is on the level of the community in which the programme is located.

6.2.1 Characteristics of Respondents

School-to-Land participants are by the selection criteria between the ages of 18 years and 30 years. This reflected in Table 6.2 where 50% of respondents 21 years and 25 years of age. Also remarkable number of single participants; compared to the married participants. Over 74% of the participants are (See Table 6.3). In terms of educational status, single the requirement for participation was secondary school. However 5 female respondents who were participates not quite completed their secondary school education as Table 6.4 before being recruited into the in programme

Table 6.2: Age/Sex of Respondents

Age Croup	Sex			
Age Group	Male	Female	Total %	
16 - 20 years 21 - 25 years 26 - 30 years 30+ years	Nil 18 30 Nil	3 27 12 Nil	3 (3.33%) (50.0%) (46.67%) Nil	
Total	48 (53.33%)	42 (46.67%)	0 (100%)	

Table 6.3: Marital Status of Respondents

Martial Status	Sex				
Martial Status	Male	Female	Total	%	
Married Single Divorced Separated	14 34 - -	9 33 - -		56%) 44%)	
Total	48	42	90 (100.	0%)	

Table 6.4 Educational Status of Respondents

Educational Status	Male	Female	Tot	:al (%)
Secondary School Completed Secondary School not Completed	48 Nil	37 5		(94.44%) (100.0%)
Total	48	42	90	(100.0%)

Table 6.5: Comparison of Recruitment and Farmers Still on the Programme

Name of Farm	No. of Young Farmers Recruited in 1985/86	No. of Young Farmers at Graduation 1987	No. of Young Farmers on Farm 1992	Percentage Loss		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	a/b	a/c	b/c
Sagbama	60	38	27	36.67	55	28.95
Akumoni-Okordia	137	119	62	13.14	54.74	47.89
Bukuma	88	76	24	13.64	72.73	68.42
Ogbia	64	51	26	20.31	59.38	59.38
Bunu -Tai	276	240	92	13.04	66.67	61.67
Egbeke-Nwuba	202	132	81	34.65	59.90	38.64
Iriebe	267	232	CONVERTED	TO TR	AININ	G FARM
Agbeta	137	112	40	18.25	70.80	64.29
Kpaa	199	184	138	7.54	30.65	25.0
Bori New Town	114	114	59	0	48.25	48.25
Total	1,544	1,298	549	15.93	64.44	57.7

6.2.2 <u>Impact of School-to-Land Programme on Income</u>

Two indicators as tabulated in Section 4.4.1 are used to measure the impact of the School-to-Land programme on in comes. These are (i) the improvement of employment opportunities for young school leavers (ii) income of school-to-land participants.

Data obtained from the School-to-Land authority on levels of recruitment and young farmers still Between the programme is given in Table 6.5. recruitment and the graduation of the first batch of participants, there was a loss of 15.93%. Following the revision of the programme in 1989 there was to be a recruitment of 200 crop farmers and 50 livestock farmers from 1989 to date. However this exercise has been quite erratic and the authority has never really been able to recruit these numbers. Thus analysis of the data in 6.5 is based on the first batch of recruits. Table Overall decrease in number of young farmers between recruitment and graduation is 15.93%. However there are variations in this across the different farms Sagbama and Egbeke-Nwuba registering a loss of over onethird of their young farmers. However, the important change is that between those who graduated and the number of active farmers actually settled on the farms. According to the data available, there is a loss of 57.7%. Across the farms, Bukuma registered the

highest loss of 68.42% of its graduates followed by Agbeta. The location with the lowest decrease is Kpaa which still lost one-quarter of its graduates. It is important to note that this decrease is against a background of subsequent recruitment and therefore actual losses could be greater. Using this as a measure of programme impact would indicate a loss of momentum for the programme and inability to meet set objectives.

Most of these withdrawals from the programme were reactions to the over one year of uncertainty between the graduation of participants from the training in December 1987 and their actual settlement on the farm in 1989. Just 21.8% of graduands qualified for loans received approval fifteen months after their graduation (see Table 6.16). Many of them were frustrated into borrowing money from family, friends and money lenders as shown in Table 6.6.

Table 6.6 Initial Source of Finance for Young Farmers

Source	No of Respondents	%
Government Loans only Loan from family and friends Loan from Traditional Money	Nil 15	Nil 16.67
Lenders Personal Saving only Bank Loans only	11 Nil Nil	12.33 Nil Nil
Loan form Clubs Loan form Family/Clubs/Govt Loan form Family/Money Lenders	18 21 11	20 23.01 12.33
Loan/Personal savings No Borrowing	11 3	12.33
Total	90	100.0%

existing arrangements for interest loan repayment between the authority and the participants does not augur for the participants in terms of income. from the Okordia farm, where the participants have their account other farms keep their account with authority. Where they sell their produce through the authority, the cash is not given to the participants but is put into an account which is in the farmer's name but from which he/she cannot make withdrawals without the written permission from the School-to-Land authority. This is thorny issue between a management The authority justifies this control over participants. participants' harvests on grounds that it bears the cost of land preparation and this is therefore an avenue recovery and inputs and this is therefore an avenue for cost recovery and loan repayments. However, the part the N5,000 loan package originally kept back by the authority is supposedly for these same two purposes. Moreover when participants sell to the authority, the authority fixes the price it pays.

Thus, participants face cash shortages in meeting the running cost especially labour for weeding. This is in addition to the fact that inputs arrive late and land preparation is delayed regularly. Chief Wiko of Agbeta who gave the land to the authority confirmed this occurrence. A participant at Kpaa reported that when he

complains about the money and inputs he is always to wait 2 weeks on a regular basis. Yet another participant at Egbeke reported that his request to permitted to withdraw some money from his account, Christmas when he had need for cash, was down. He added that "when we see management, they do not give us face." A female respondent Bukuma at who reported outstanding financial liabilities reported thus;

"I am even afraid of leaving my house because of those I am owing. Even the community now thinks that School-to-Land is a joke. There are things school leavers can do. We went to farm thinking we were going to do it the modern way but now even the traditional method is better due to the uncertainty surrounding the entire programme."

6.2.3 The Impact of the School-to-Land Programme on Productivity

young farmers are presently settled on of land each bringing the total cultivated land under crop farming to 1,098 hectares. As a practice of rotational cropping, each farmer is expected to plant on only one hectare each year. We can therefore estimate that every year 549 hectares of land are cultivated. The fisheries component of the programme has not yet implemented. Also, owing to the high cost of overhead, livestock producing participants exist. Plantain is main produce on the Okordia and Bukuma farms in small quantities. Ogbia farm produces rice. farms produce cassava, yam, The other maize and vegetables.

indication of productivity is given by willingness of participants to continue in farming (See Table 6.7). Their contention is not with farming per se much as with the management of the School-to- Land programme itself. Apart from the conflict with villagers over land, other problems detracting from the productivity of participants are the long distances they have to travel to the farms often on foot and absence of good farm access roads as shown in Tables 6.8, 6.9 and 6.10 respectively. In this regard, participants sometimes feel that management is not properly responsive their complaint and in the case of Okordia (See Appendix XVII they had by-passed the management communicated directly with the governor of the State. This did not yield a better result in this case anyway.

Table 6.7: Willingness of School-to-Land Participants to continue in Farming

Willing	No. of Respondents	olo
Yes	57	63.33
No	26	28.89
Up until the five years from now	2	2.22
If management can improve	5	5.56
Total	90	100.00

Table 6.8: Distance from Home to School-to-Land Farm

Distance	No of Respondents	%
Less than 2km 2km - 4km 5km - 7km 8km - 10km More than 10km	24 58 3 3 2	26.67 64.44 3.33 3.33 2.22
Total	90	(100.0%)

Table 6.9: Mode of Transport to Farm

Mode	No of Respondents	%
On Foot Motorcycle Bicycle Taxi/Bus School-to-Land	73 Nil 17 Nil	81.11% Nil 18.89% Nil
Transport	Nil	Nil .
Total	90	(100.0%)

Table 6.10: Time Taken to Travel from Home to Farm

Time	No of Respondents	%
Less than 15 min 15 min - 29 min 30 min - 44 min 45 min - 60 min Over 1Hr	3 17 54 8 8	3.33% 18.89% 60.00% 8.89% 8.89%
Total	90	(100.00%)

Another factor affecting productivity is the inability of the farmers to control their income and their subsequent dependence on the authority to provide inputs and prepare the land before they can plant. In a situation of high labour costs, the farmers are often stretched financially. Young farmers reported that the cash cost of daily labour is N15 on the average exclusive of feeding of labourers. In Tables 6.11 and 6.12 respectively the cost of labour and the source of such labour used by young farmers are shown.

Table 6.11: Amount Spent Annually on Clearing, Weeding and Planting

Amount	No. of Respondents	%
Less than №100	Nil	-
№100 - №350	4	4.44
₩351 - ₩550	6	6.66
№551 - №750	3	3.33
₩751 - ₩950	Nil	-
№951 - and above	77	85.57
Total	90	(100.0%)

Table 6.12: Use of Labour on Farm

Labour	No. of Respondents	%
Wives, children & relatives	Nil	••
Hired labour	4	4.44
Other participants and friends	62	68.89
Family /Hired labour	18	20.00
Other participants/hired labour	6	6.67
Total	90	(100.0%)

6.3 The Planning Environment of the School-to-Land

<u>Programme</u>

this extent, it is not surprising that the young do not consider the programme really as beneficial to them. When asked if the programme has been benefit to them the responses given are as Table 6.13. There are various reactions to Some interviewees including a one time manager of the authority considers that no one has benefited from the programme and it was complete loss. a respondent is of the view that the society

Table 6.13: Programme Benefit

	No. of Respondents	%
Yes	8	8.89%
No	41	45.56%
It could be if I can operate	6	6.6%
Training was beneficial	30	33.33%
Not really	5	5.56%
Total	90	(100.0%)

Table 6.14: The Planning Environment of the School-to-Land Programme

The Controlled Environment		The Influenceable Environment		The Appreciated Environment	
ACTORS	FACTORS	ACTORS	FACTORS	ACTORS	FACTORS
The School-to- Land Authority	Conflict Programme Design	The Young Farmers The Local Community	Funding Implementation Conflict	The Federal Government	Policy Objectives
The Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Reaources	Control				
The Rivers State Government	Statutory Backing Funding				

benefitted and that the replication of the School-to-Land nation-wide in graduate farming schemes indicative of this. The question surely is whether or not the targeted beneficiaries comprising the and the local communities have actually participants benefited from the implementation of the School-to-Land programme. To the extent that some young school leavers have been given some training in crop production and are willing to remain in farming, the programme cannot said to be a loss although as individuals, the young farmers are highly dissatisfied.

6.3.1 The Controlled Environment

Within the controlled environment of the School-to-Land programme as shown in Table 6.14 are three principal actors. These are; the School-to-land authority itself; the Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture which is the supervising Ministry and the Rivers State Government which set up the programme. the important factors in this environment for programme impact are: conflict, shifts in priority; administrative capacity and funding.

The School-to-Land authority has since its establishment had to deal with both internal conflict involving management and policy makers and also external conflict with communities in which farms are located. The first set of conflict has led to sudden changes in the board and directorships of the authority. At

inception the authority was managed by a 16-member board made up of representatives of private companies who given money for the programme to take off. The Chairman this board was the Commissioner of Agriculture in the State. A General Manager was appointed. services of this General Manager lasted for only seven months, from March to September 1985. In October 1985, a revised School to Land edict was signed into law and thus the initial board ceased to exist. The edict also seemed indicate that the Commissioner for Agriculture ceased have any authority over the agency. All his previous functions had either been transferred either to the Military Governor or to a part-time Chairman. In addition a new Executive Director was appointed, the beginning of a series of management a situation that has not instability, helped formation of a well defined policy frame. Important ongoing implementation activities such as a soil capability survey of school-to-land farms were seriously delayed because of this change and concomitant personality conflicts. There were also clearly management incompetence and financial irregularities one year after programme was initiated. The first harvest which went beyond estimates had to be harvested by a combined of volunteers from the different Ministries. following a request to Heads of Department made by the

Permanent Secretary in a letter dated 7th August, 1985.

removing the School-to-Land Authority from the control of the Ministry of Agriculture, the conflict In the first instance the blue-print deepened. authority was prepared by the Ministry which also seconded to the authority its principal staff (assistant chief agricultural officer (2); Principal agricultural superintendent (9); Senior agricultural superintendent Higher agricultural superintendent (1) (3); and superintendent (3); and equipment Agricultural (32 tractors, 10 bulldozers among others). The direct line communication between the executive director of the School-to-land and the Military Governor escalated the conflict and removed effective control and monitoring of its activities from the Ministry. Yet the Ministry of Agriculture was being asked from time to time to salvage the School-to-Land programme.

External conflicts between the authority and local communities were the result of land acquisition and compensation. Government had asked local communities to donate land for the programme and had promised in return infrastructure and employment for the youths in the area. Suffice it to note that government failed to follow through on its promises. The external conflict will be treated in greater detail under the influenceable environment (Section 6.3.2).

second factor under the controlled environment the programme design itself. As initially conceived substantial changes were made without proper consultation the planners. At its inception, the School-to-Land programme was to be an agency attached to the Ministry of Agriculture whose officers formed the core of planners prepared the original proposals. The details of these proposals are as follow: (i) The programme was to established along the line of farm settlement to established on land acquired within the local government units aid to settle people who were willing there. land acquisition was not done. (ii) The programme for young men and women having problem getting their school certificates, (iii) The programme was start on pre-war abandoned farms around the State (iv) Young people were to be trained and then sent back their homes to implement the programme but under minimum supervision. The initial starting estimate as approved N4,768,110 (RSG; 1985 p.16). A Project Manager was approved and seconded from the Ministry of Agriculture In addition to the MANR staff, the services Consultants (Prof. Youdeowei, Dr. Ekpere, Mr. Yorama) utilized. This also raised some internal conflict. Also it was the intention to allocate within a short time from the commencement of the programme, one hectare farmer and progressively increase this up to a maximum of

four hectares eventually. It was for this reason that the establishment of the farms made provision for four hectare plots demarcated with a net-work of cross roads.

The expansion of the scale of the programme to cover all local government areas was an action that the programme planners disagreed with but were powerless to say so at the time. Planners felt it was better to make it small as it was on an experimental basis having not been tried before.

Before the first harvest, the participants were to given a monthly stipend of N60. Thereafter, proceeds of the harvest are to be sold and the income shared as follows. The government was to take 12% of the gross harvest and specially trained supervisors 3%. balance of 85% was to be paid into a bank account to give 1/12th of that every month to particpants. The 12% to be paid to government was cater for inputs and land preparation. Yet at the end of the first harvest, all the money realized was paid to the authority rather than being shard with the young farmers. In fact the programme has been described as the pet child the Military Governor at the time. According to documentation, the announcement of the programme sudden and completely unplanned. In terms of actual implementation the procedure was as follows: a radio announcement of the programme; registration of

prospective participants; meetings with special interest groups; production of the blue print; land identification and farm establishment; training of participants and supervisors; launching of the programme; harvest and storage. In defence of the above process, the Commissioner of Agriculture noted thus:

It must, however, be said that the sequence through which the School-to-Land Programme has passed has been rather unorthodox. The usual sequence the project would have been conceptualization and identification followed by a feasibility study. Sometimes a pilot scheme even precedes the full blown programme. the normal and conventional sequence was followed, maybe we would still be at the pilot scheme stage and there may have been no School--Land Programme, definitely not the same as one we know today. We make no apologies the for the way we chose to go because we took the position that 'the only way to farm is to (Spiff, 1986 p.17) farm'.

The above statement would appear to buttress the point that critical decisions were made on an ad-hoc and were either not thought of during the basis stages or were ignored. Such ad-hoc decisions further complicated by multiple actors, each bringing to the programme his own specific ideas of how best programmes realize the objectives. The radio announcement asking young school leavers to the MANR to register was done without prior discussion with the the professionals in the Ministry. It was only after two weeks of the announcement when up to 24,000 young school leavers had registered that the Governor was asked what should be done. It was only then that the idea to prepare a Blue Print was discussed and approved.

The State government itself did not appear have financial given sufficient attention to the resource requirements of the programme. Between the professionals and the policy-making arm of the MANR itself two widely initial divergent estimates the one was blue print estimate N4,768,110 but the for N71,141,641 emanated within months (See Table 6.15) In the absence of a properly discussed blueprint, this is

Table 6.15 Summary of Cost Estimates of Implementation of the First Phase of the School to Land Programme

Item	ıs	Cost
1.	Crops -	N26,980,415.00
2.	Housing -	N22,500,000.00
3.	Water Supply -	N 2,524,000.00
4.	Power Supply -	N 5,550,000.00
5.	15% Running Cost of	
	Power Supply -	N 825,000.00
6.	Farms Tools -	N 1,587,400.00
7.	Stipend -	N 6,000,000.00
8.	Machinery -	N 4,760,110.00
9.	Ancillary Equipment	
	15% Running Cost -	N 212,400.00
10.	Access Roads (Lump Sum)	N 500,000.00
	Total	N71,141,641.00

Source: Blue Print for School-to-Land p. 5.

surprising. Whereas MANR officials thought they would actually handle the programme and that its scale kept small, it appears policy makers were would be already thinking of a state-wide programme. The scale of the programme was too big right from start, a situation that stretched all available resources of funds, equipment and manpower.

only after prospective participants Ιt registered that the need to involve the organized private sector and local interest groups was realized. With the level of publicity given to the School-to-Land concept, were consulted were prepared to make instance "community leaders" contributions. For have ' "donated" large reported to hectarages government, a situation that later proved not correct and is one that will be more fully discussed under the section on the influenceable environment. In his first briefing on the programme given on February 1985 the State Military Governor announced that, of today, total cash contribution amounts to hundred and fifty-six thousand, five hundred Naira (N156,500). Total contribution of equipment expertise (bulldozers, graders, low loaders, pay loaders, provision of boreholes, spare parts, personnel, time and laboratory space) computed to cash amounts million, five hundred and thirteen thousand, nine hundred Naira (N1,513,900)." (Rivers State Govt. 1985 p. 25)

By march of the same year donations in cash and kind had reached N2,740,900 and by June it had climbed to N3.7m.

In addition to such voluntary contributions in cash and kind, all taxable adults in the state whose annual incomes were below N800, paid a flat rate levy of N5.00 for a year, while with effect form February 1985 all taxable adults who earned above N800 per year were required to pay 2% of their annual income for six months in the first instance.

Statutory backing for the programme in form enabling edict was first promulgated in May 1985. This edict established the School-to-Land authority. Ву October of the same 1985, an amendment to the edict Substantially this amendment removed been made. the Board Chairmanship from the Commissioner of Agriculture created the position of an Executive Director with a part-time Chairman. In reality, what the amendment achieved was to attempt to by-pass MANR and give a direct line of communication between the Governor and authority. result was personality clashes The conflicts that culminated in uncertainty. The atmosphere of uncertainty was one that did not augur well for implementation of the programme as all officers concerned had to literally run to government house before taking decisions.

so deep was the governor's fact, personal replaced involvement and commitment that when he was Chief Executive of the State, the programme suffered (National Concord, October near total collapse in-coming administrator did not 1988). The give the the priority it had enjoyed under predecessors and therefore, as the programme had depended much on the person of the governor and his specific it suffered obvious funding problems. interests, It was

Table 6.16 Trained Young Farmers Initial List of Approved Loan Applications

Farm	Number Approved	% of Young Farmers at Graduation in 1987
Agbeta Bori New Town Bukuma Bunu-Tai Egbeke-Nwuba Kpaa Ogbia Okordia Sagbama	12 22 12 18 53 82 20 42 22	10.71% 19.29% 15.79% 7.50% 40.15% 44.57% 39.22% 35.29% 57.89%
Total	283	21.80%

Source: <u>Nigerian Tide</u>, Monday, March 13th, 1989 Percentages calculated based on Column (b) of Table 6.5

clear that the scale of the programme had to be pruned substantially. Young farmers still in training were to

settled. The loans needed for them to settle was however long delayed and this bred uncertainty and ultimately loss of interest on the part of the participants. From December 1987 when the young farmers were graduated, the first meeting of the loans committee did not take place until September 19th 1988. However it was not until March 1989 that the first set of loan approvals were made (See Table 6.16.

In addition to the above factors precipitating uncertainty in both management and participants alike, the authority could not meet its target of internally generated revenue. In Table 6.17 the details of this from 1985 to 1990 is given. Official projections for the revenue estimates from crops in the first year alone was put at N11.02 million. Since then, operation characteristically projected revenues have fallen short of actual returns. In an analysis of the programme was noted thus: "The Authority operated 1 (one) livestock and 10 (ten) crops training/production farms scattered all over the State with average expenditure of about N500,000. Its average monthly internally generated revenue stood at about N30,000.

The revenue generated by the Authority from the eleven farms could not cover a reasonable proportion of its recurrent expenditure. (Oruwari et al, 1990 pg. 3).

Yet the authority by the provisions of the edict that established it (School-to-Land Edict No. 4 of 1985 Section 4) was expected to operate on "sound commercial lines".

Table 6.17: Internally generated Revenue of the Schoolto-Land Programme 1985 to 1992

Year	Amount in Naira
1985	160,133.75
1966	276,510.13
1987	334,080.03
1988	691,637.39
1989	723,318.84
1990	1,023 015.00
1991	N/A
1992	N/A
Total	

Source: School-to-Land Authority (Audited Accounts)

6.3.2 The Influenceable Environment of the School-to-Land Programme

principal actors in the influenceable environment of The the School-to-Land programme include the young farmers the local community in which the farms were located. The young farmers were to be trained and settled on farms in their local government areas of origin. To enable them settle down the government was to provide each participant. of N5,000 for disbursement of the loans became problematic and process subjected the participants to suffering. them were forced to borrow in order to start, under conditions of high interest rates (See Table 6.6).

Loan disbursements were by the state-owned Pan

African Bank through the Central Bank. Conditions for

consideration were as follows:

- Candidates are to be identified by the School-to-Land Authority
- 2. Guarantors are to be senior officers not below grade level 10. The guarantor would indicate in writing their willingness to accept guarantorship for the borrower, to be accompanied by three certified passport photographs.
- 3. The candidate was to be identified by the Chairman of the L.G.A.
- 4. Interest on the loan was put at 15 3/4%.

The loan was to be paid in instalments repayable over period of 5 years with the first year as a period of moratorium. However, it took almost a year and half for loans to get to participants. When the loans finally came for some of them, the amount given fell short. instance, the sum of N2,400 out of the N5,000 promised, paid in three instalment of N500 and was N1,400. The result was that participants who could not handle the uncertainty dropped out of the programme.

For the communities that had School-to-Land farms located on their land, the critical factor here was the land acquisition itself. Local community level survey

revealed that chiefs had been contacted by the government and reportedly "donated" land voluntarily to the programme, within their various communities. There were conflicts of various forms. One such area of conflict emanated from the fact that chiefs had either not properly consulted with their subjects or had given land out without the consent of actual owners. In Table 6.18 below show the medium through which villages in local communities learnt of the School-to-Land programme. 43% of total respondents learnt of the programme from radio announcements and only 7% through community leaders.

Table 6.18: Medium of Information on School-to-Land
Programme By Communities

Medium	No. of Respondents			
Mediam	Iriebe	Ogbia	Total	%
Radio Television Newspaper Local Group Community Leaders Radio/Community Leaders Radio/Newspapers Radio/Television/News- papers Radio/Television Television/Community Leaders Local group/Community Leaders	29 3 3 Nil 5 Nil 2 2 4 2	14 Nil 1 21 2 3 2 Nil Nil	43 3 4 21 7 3 4 4 4 2	43 3 4 21 7 3 4 4 4 2
Total	50	50	100	100%

Table 6.19: Programme benefit to Communities

Benefit	No of Respondents			
	Iriebe	Ogbia	Total	0/0
Yes No	8 42	3 47	11 89	11 89
Total	50	50	100	(100.0%)

Table 6.20: Disagreement with Programme in Communities

Disagreement	No of Respondents			
	Iriebe	Ogbia	Total	%
Yes No	22 28	7 43	29 71	29 71
Total	50	50	100	(100.0%)

The Pyawii Women's group in Wiyakara (an all farmers group) stated that the group was never consulted A group of seven chiefs excluding the paramount ruler had given the land to government for the construction of the Town (subsequently utilized New School-to-Land). The group alleged that four of chiefs were not even indigenes of the village. When the news reached the group, the women came out in protest and petitioned the governor. The Police arrested all the women and some were in detention for two weeks. villagers had protested on grounds that there was already scarcity of land in the village. The villagers took the government to court in 1981.

Iriebe and Bunu-Tai, community members alleged At. land was acquired under duress. While crops were yet to mature, government began clearing the sites. respondent at Iriebe said thus, "I went to the site acquired by the authority and swear that God will. pay the government by their own coins". Prince Charles O Eleto another respondent from Iriebe also stated that, "government have used power of coercion and compensation was not paid and we are powerless." The respondents from Kpaa community complained bitterly. The community said that in 1965, they gave 15 acres of land Delta Development Board. In 1980 they increased 179.86 hectares for land to the Agricultural Development Agency and in 1985 this was increased to 355.54 hectares. Two communities - Kpaa and Luudee-Lueku jointly gave the land to the ADA and three communities, Kpaa, Luudee-Lueku, Baa-Lueku and Seme Lueku jointly gave School-to-Land area. None of the above communities had been paid compensation on the mass destruction of the food crops. They put their requests as follows:

- (i) A cash payment of twelve million naira.
- (ii) 75% of the young farmers to come from within the above-mentioned communities and also 60% of any employment.
- (iii) Construction of local feeder roads linking the communities.

The Bunu-Tai community actually won its court case against the State government and was awarded a one million compensation. naira What appears communities more is that land so committed to the Schoolto-Land programme has not been properly utilized. rest is "locked" and cannot be used by the villagers themselves. This is why one of the chief complaints of the participants is encroachment and harassment by the villagers. A female participant at Agbeta reported that she could not plant for a whole year because the given to five of them was under dispute with villagers. In a letter dated 24th May 1989 to the Executive Director the school-to-Land Authority, the farm reported that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had surveyed a large part of the School-to-Land farm to be included in their rural industrialization project sited at Sagbama and that the natives also had started taking back their land. Moreover an allegation which have confirmed is the fact that government actually bulldozed more land than it was given by communities. This antagonized the people. In addition, government did not follow through on its promises to the people to provide rural infrastructure. Harvests were also sold in Port Harcourt, not to the people. The result is widespread dissatisfaction with the programme (See Tables 6.19 and 6.20).

Table 6.21: Contribution of Local Communities to Schoolto-Land

Type of Contribution	No of Respondents			
	Iriebe	Ogbia	Total	٥/٥
Land Money Labour Land/Money No Contribution	11 24 1 9 5	5 19 1 18 7	16 43 2 27 12	16 43 2 27 12
Total	50	50	100	(100.0%)

It must also be noted that the villagers did not only give their land, they gave money (N5 per taxable adult); and labour in some cases. In fact one of the Farm Managers of the programme has identified consultation with the local community concerned before the execution of the project, as the priority for rural development planning. The implementation experiences of the School-to-Land programme would lend credence to this point of view.

6.3.3 The Appreciated Environment of the School-to-Land Programme

Within the appreciated environment there were really no significant actors and factors except the Federal government which provides the policy framework for agricultural development in the country. From its financial support and the adoption of the School-to-Land idea in its own graduate farming scheme it got involved in the programme. In 1986 the Federal government gave N500,000 to the scheme.

It is important to note that across the State, the Federal government-owned graduate farmers are allocated plots on School-to-Land sites. The Pyawii Women's group reported that in 1988 members of their group actually illegally harvested crops on graduate farmers plots and because of the existing conflict, government could not take any action against them.

By actually applying the idea of a farming programme targeted on educated young men and women, the Federal government may have given tacit moral backing for the continuation of the School-to-Land programme in Rivers State in spite of its many lapses.

6.4 Summary of Findings on the School-to-Land Programme The School-to-Land programme is perhaps the one which local communities identified most with at its inception. The enormous publicity coupled with the promise opportunies, infrastructure employment as well as provision activated the interest of local communities and even the organised private sector in the programme. As a farming based rural employment programme, it had hectarages of land committed to it. This is the source of the conflict currently between the programme and people. Most of the land is not in use by young is this land available to local farmers having been surveyed and registered as government acquisitions. Incidences of assault on School-to-Land participants

include physical abuse and destruction or stealing of their crops.

The socio-economic impact of the programme on the participants has been mixed. About 63% of them were willing to continue with the programme. However, the rate of withdrawals from the programme is quite high and is likely to continue particularly as recruitment has not taken place in the last one and half years. The major complaints that participants had were the financial control that the management has over their output; the long delays suffered before release of funds and the delay in essential operations such as land clearing.

The planning environment is characterized by both and external conflicts. Internal conflict internal between the authority's management the of Agriculture at the inception Ministry οf the programme, as a direct result of the undue politicization of the programme. Between 1985 and 1992, over a period of eight years, the programme had 5 chief executives. Changes in programme design and ad-hoc decision-making rapidly isolated professionals in the Ministry of Agriculture. The sharp increase in the estimated cost of implementation from the ministry's submission of 4.77 million naira to 71.14 million naira can be attributed to this. Moreover, the programme idea as it exists now incomplete. The livestock component has not

implemented as the authority has not been able to mobilize loans for young farmers trained in livestock production.

The programme's fortune in terms of funding is a typical example of shifts in priority that usually accompany change in political adminstration. With internally generated revenue not even enough to cover substantial proportions of the recurrent expenditure needs of the programme, government subvention is necessary. It is the inability of the authority to generate public confidence that has instilled fear both on the part of government and participants, as to the future of the programme.

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CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

This concluding chapter is divided into three parts. The first part provides a summary of the major findings of the research. The second and third parts discuss the implications of the study for further research and recommendations respectively.

7.1 Summary of Major Findings of the Study

The main objective of the research was to assess the social and economic impact on local communities of three selected rural development programmes; particularly their differential impact based on income groups and gender. The programmes were: the Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructure's feeder roads programme; the Rivers State Agricultural Development Programme's extension services programme and the Rivers State Government's School-to-Land programme. The study covered the period from 1985 to 1992 and used three criteria for assessment namely: incomes; productivity; social and economic welfare.

The impact of the feeder roads on rural incomes was inconclusive. Incomes for 1985 were compared with those of 1991/92 on both the aggregate level of the sample population, and across gender groups on the basis of male and female respondents. There was a significant difference; noting of course that income responses were pre-coded and were not adjusted for inflation.

Factors affecting respondents' income situation include the higher prices for the sale of products and increase in cost of agricultural land. Indirect measure of income using increase in land holdings revealed that the DFRRI road impact was not much but was significant in improving respondents' income, as about one quarter of respondents stated that they have increased their land holdings because of the construction of DFRRI feeder roads.

the agricultural extension services programme measured for 1987; 1990 and 1991/92 and was adjusted for inflation. Using cross-tabulations and other inferential statistical analysis, it was observed that situation of respondents had generally worsened over the study period. Those who were worse off were groups and illiterate women. Indirect lower income income using the possession of measure of household such as kerosene stove, radio and foam mattress assets showed that women generally and lower income respondents had fewer assets.

The Schhol-to-Land programme had very limited impact on any aspect of the participant's social and economic life generally. Income effects on participants have been influenced negatively by the prolonged delays in release of loans which then forced many participants to borrow from private services with high interest rates.

Subsequently also, the School-to-Land Authority was controlling their accounts because of the loans granted them. Indirect measure of impact on income using improvement in employment opportunities for young school leavers also show limited impact.

the graduation of the first set of Αt trainees, only 1,298 were left in the programme. Others had dropped out. Moreover just 42.3% of those graduands ultimately settled on the farms. Participants gave the uncertainty surrounding the programme as the main factor causing withdrawals by young people. Not only were the promised delayed, what was finally paid participants was in fractions of the expected of M5,000.

Assessment of the impact of the three case studies rural productivity also used direct and indirect Increase in productivity due to the feeder measures. roads programme was measured on the basis of increase in output; improvement in access to farms and markets; improvement in mode of transportation. There generally no significant difference in output of cassava, maize, fruits and vegetables. The production of yams recorded an increase. Yams are planted mainly by Generally the increase in output reported due to DFRRI road was small totalling only 16.76 of respondents. Over three quarters of the respondents stated that the DFRRI

roads were not relevant to their journey to and from farms as these were not farm access roads. Often DFRRI had taken existing community roads and graded them. It was only in the area of expansion of marketing opportunities that a significant difference had occurred between 1987 and 1991/92. Even in this regard, the data does not suggest that this difference was due entirely to DFRRI feeder roads per se but to a combination of a number of factors including the construction of class B roads linking communities by the state government and oil companies operational roads.

Agricultural extension services of the Rivers State Agricultural Development Programme (RISADEP) had very limited impact on productivity. Using various measures the programme reaching its target group who are small farmers in the state, there was sufficient evidence to argue that the programme existed more in plan documents agency's offices than in local communities. Measures included frequency of extension agent visit; receipt of extension services type and cost of input received. Sex and educational levels were significantly related to the receipt of extension services and type of inputs received with illiterate female farmers being discriminated against. It is important to point out that out of eleven communities visited for field survey, only

in two were extension agents seen, in spite of the fact that the selected communities were circle operational bases where extension agents are expected to reside.

School-to-Land programme's impact productivity is also not significant. With one hectare of participant under cultivation each per totalling 549 Ha across nine communities, the School-to-Land Authority should generate sufficient revenue to meet most of its recurrent expenditure. Since this is not the it can imply that productivity is either low or is produced is mismanaged. Another possible is that not all the 549 participants on the authority's document are still active farmers. With respect to the productive activities of the villagers in which the School-to-Land farms are located, there has been a loss of farmland and the productive employment of young people is not really at a level that makes a difference to local unemployment. These are some reasons for the hostility towards the programme by local people.

Evaluation of impact of the the three selected programmes on social and economic welfare used the indicators of distribution and income improvement in living conditions. Indirect measures of the impact feeder roads on income distribution, using increase non-increase in size of land holdings show that respondents reported an increase in size of holdings due to DFRRI roads. About 10% of these also increased their output. Majority of these were men, and larger farmers with farm sizes averaging 7 Hectares and above recorded in income. The feeder roads had not quite enhanced local organizational activities and thus failed to meet one of its stated objectives. With respect to the agricultural extension service programme, improvement in social and economic welfare measured in terms of reported in size of operations increase and possession household assets show concentration among larger farmers fishermen. One cannot really talk of improvement in and economic welfare of the School-to-Land social programme as far as local communities are concerned. The of participants is different. As long participants are prepared to continue with the programme, does imply that the School-to-Land programme provides opportunity for employment to albeit a very fraction of young school leavers.

The results of data analysis was in each case examined against background the of the planning environment focusing on the key actors and factors identified as affecting programme planning implementation. Some of the essential factors include the element of conflict and control arising from governmental and inter-agency relations and community involvement. Other factors are the multi- dimensional

nature of programme design; incompetence and funding.

7.2 Implications of the Study for Further Research

The study has shown clearly, the gap that exists between programme objectives and actual improvements in the social and economic conditions of the majority of rural people as a result of programme interventions. From our assessment of the impact of our three programme case studies, it is clear that several problem areas exist, which require further investigation.

First is the complexity of the programme environment characterized by multiple actors; multiple objectives and lack of control by the programme implementators of the both planning elements in and The DFRRI feeder roads were designed by implementation. federal government and funded principally by it. The federal government at that particular time was giving special attention to rural areas in Nigeria. The state government wanted to make its own contribution by coming up with the RIARDEP concept. However, in the reality of inter-governmental relations under military rule, state government had to succumb to federal authority. Inter-governmental relations in the context οf development planning and improvement is an area thorough research in Nigeria (see examples in Cloke, 1986; Cloke and Little, 1987a & 198b).

agricultural extension programme is designed by World Bank bureaucrats and both the Rivers State and federal government are more willing to follow in order to benefit from continued financial sensitivity to the conditions of support. Thus beneficiaries and local realities easily take prominent positions, the primary motive being to ensure continuous funding of the programmes. The School-to-Land programme is presently highly disorganized and it is not clear who is presently in control. However it does appear that the persistent intervention of the State government itself particularly its use of veto powers in making appointments to the authority's management position has created an atmosphere of uncertainty to the extent operational decisions are only made following clearance from the State government.

Secondly are the problems arising from the programme objectives. Certainly the main objectives common to all the programmes is increased productivity (See Sec 2.1.1). This objective is not wrong for the realization of overall developmental objectives but a focus on that single objective or using it as the underlying motive for other equally important objectives certainly does not augur well. Principally it informs programme design as exemplified in the use of contact farmers who are already better off peasants; and also as exemplified in the

decision to locate a School-to-Land farm in each local government area of the state simultaneously or indeed in construction of laterite roads all across country. This takes us back to the debate over the past three decades on what the primary concerns of development ought to be; that is productivity and growth versus the elimination of inequality and poverty. Our analysis of the impact of the three programme support the view that a tacit acceptance to get job is not enough. As has been rightly noted, "focusing on production system is not an effective approach to realizing the productive potentials of the great mass of the population, nor to production system responsive to their needs" (Korten and Carner 1984:206). They recommend therefore that increases in productive output must be done in ways consistent with the principles of equity and participation. An associated the programme idea itself. problem Rather than starting on an experimental scale and expanding context of a learning process backed by evaluation and monitoring, the programme idea "tends to be standardised, top-down, authoritarian, and unable to adapt to local condition". (Chambers, 1983:150). In inadequacies in the content of plans become less amenable to correction.

Another problem that can be identified from our analysis is the failure of programmes to take cognizance the "environment" in programme design and implementation. In such situations, as noted our analysis the goals and policies of the plan are really consistent with the potentials and limits the implementation environment. Thus the funding problem can not be seen in isolation from the wider rural development in his review of successful environment. Paul (1.982) development programmes in different parts of the "unrealistic" and that terms such as "over used to characterize plans which among ambitious" are failed to match their environments. The other things uncertainty in the planning environment has broadened scope for multiple influences the and actors influence the out come of the decision-making process. De Valk and Sibanda (1986) have noted such influences detailed study of the actors and decision outcomes rural development project in Zimbabwe. Thus the policy making and implementation processes at various stages in rural development planning with particular attention to inter-relationship between actors should constitute area of critical research in Nigeria. School-to-Land programme has suffered from this factor of uncertainty, Perhaps after the Babangida administration the same fate may befall the DFRRI programme.

Another reality of the rural development environment identified in our case studies is that development policy and programme decisions are made often hurriedly and spontaneously; or after the fashion of what Head of State has termed our "fire-brigade" former to rural development (Obasanjo, approach 1989). Rural development policies, programmes and projects are the components of a rural development strategy. Even with the new initiative by the present administration, what we are basically policy statements, (Tipoteh, 1985). from one administration to the other, we move from one priority to the other. The way and manner the Schoolto-Land programme was initiated and even the machinery set-up nationwide are testimonies this fact.

Yet another element in our planning environment that from the study is the complete inadequacy of beneficiary participation either in planning implementation. In the School-to-Land programme local chiefs and other elites hijacked the participation process with motives that in instances appeared suspect leading to intra-communal conflict. In the agricultural extension and feeder roads programme there is participation in the proper sense of the word. The community participation in the DFRRI feeder roads was actually their individual and group contributions

forms. There is no evidence that DFRRI consulted various with the local people in the location of priority roads. What DFRRI officials understood as participation was that local governments were in some cases involved and some of the roads constructed were actually submitted to DFRRI by governments. This does not negate the fact elites from the different communities were able to hijack of the roads thereby by-passing more needy areas. hallmarks of a learning process approach involving - dialogue and negotiation - are absent. Kent (1981:3.13) thus, "why should local people be the beneficiaries not the producers of their own development". The motives for this unwillingness of programme planners and implementators to put in place the machinery effective local participation, requires further study.

There are also identifiable flaws in the management programme implementation. There are evidence institutionalized ignorance of actual conditions in rural areas generated either inadvertently or deliberately to achieve the ends of personal interest. There is in agricultural extension programme for instance attempts by officials based in Port Harcourt to paint picture of impact at the local level than what same applies to the School-to-Land programme. pattern may be due to failure on the part of agency staff to undertake objective evaluations internally.

typical reaction is for agency staff to depend on policy makers to also identify the shortcoming and then engage institutional reforms. There are actions such closer monitoring of field staff activities which a more effective organization can undertake as an integral part of programme planning. This necessitates planning and management procedures that are based on social learning rather than on scientific knowledge (Korten, 1980). case of women and their marginalisation in the training and visitation system of the agricultural extension programme is a case in point. Recently a new component - women in agriculture - has been added to the extension programme, as part of the World Bank's effort in helping There was cause to believe that this did not meet the approval of some agency staff in spite of the need it. With a closer monitoring by agency staff, the deficiency in its extension services as pertaining to women would have been identified earlier. However, one may not expect it to come easily in the face of male dominant attitudes.

Another feature of the rural development environment that is problematic is the fact that too much emphasis and effort go into starting a project without proper planning and even less into the implementation. More attention is paid to numbers and funding than to effectiveness, particularly in the use of available

resources. The paradox of the situation then is thus that at a later stage more planning does not produce better results. One would suggest that the planning is usually given priority because it is the basis of resource allocation by funding agencies and government.

There is also the tendency to see implementation as a separate activity from planning. This should not be so. examination of the blue-print for the School-to-Land programme and the actual procedure for implementation that the programme has followed from inception show that the blueprint may not have existed at all. Annual work plans are required by government and the World Bank of its RISADEP programme. Yet the issue is how much of these are really implemented. It is this situation that has led some scholars to suggest that when rural development objectives, the programmes fail to realize their set should not be attributed to incidence implementation problems per se such but that the planning itself had inbuilt problems that did not augur well for realization of programme objectives. (Williams, 1986: Okafor, 1985).

Finally, there is the real issue of the differential impact of programmes. In the agricultural extension programme particularly and to a lesser extent, the feeder roads programme, impact showed that small-scale farmers/fishermen and women were less affected in terms

benefit and were generally less well-off during the period under review by the study. They were marginalized in the receipt of inputs and extension agent visitation increase in incomes productivity and concentrated among the small proportion of males with larger farms or fish ponds. Part of the problem conceptualisation the of the programmes, particularly in their failures to realize that rural society was differentiated according to income levels and gender and therefore to target this group of persons for assistance. The programmes were clearly not designed to do this. Obviously a blanket targeting of "rural people" or rural areas as is normally done is not acceptable because there are rural people as shown by our data whose farm holdings, and production levels and are high enough to baffle the average civil servant. Part the problem also comes from the programme objectives mentioned earlier. These are geared more towards increasing | productivity than to the reduction inequality or poverty. In such circumstances success is measured by the aggregate numbers of lengths of roads constructed or persons visited or amount input distributed or communities served or general increase in output rather than worry about who or what sections the rural populace are actually benefiting in specific terms.

7.3 Recommendations

Recommendations will first be made generally on the basis conclusions in the preceding section and specifically on each programme. There is need for proper planning of rural development programmes. Their scale be such that existing manpower and financial be sufficient to embark on resources will the actual implementation without dependence on resources external it is necessary government. Where the state mobilize resources, this must first be accomplished before the implementation starts. It is necessary to in order to avoid delays and to ensure that all involved understand what their specific roles are.

objectives of rural development programmes must more specific and be committed to equity as Ιt is productivity. from this premise that more appropriate targeting can be achieved. While it possible to achieve this for the entire programme, specific components of the programme can then be tailored meet the needs of the low income and women in rural There is need also to move away from area-based to people -based programmes and to place modalities for ensuring that such people mobilized for participation in the programmes. Success of the programme will then be measured not in general terms but specific terms more as pertaining to the proportion of the group that has benefited. experience has shown that the use of governmental organisations (NGO) including local groups at some point in the programme especially those having to do with service delivery, such as inputs, can better results than government agencies. Non-governmental organizations are by their nature more sensitive to needs of special groups; more familiar with local conditions and less subject to bureaucratic red-tape and therefore less costly than government agencies. Community Development Committees concept is not quite the as that of an NGO. The formation of the Community Development Committees were initiated by government and that extent, their activities are circumscribed by government but this is not true of NGOs. Α composed NGO is made up of persons with common problems and likely to have become effective in its local before the attention of government is drawn to its activities. It is also more likely to consist of specific target groups in the rural areas.

The argument that rural people should be producers of their own development has much to commend it. In the first instance studies including this particular research have shown that much of what is being done in the name of rural development is not relevant to the transformation of social and economic conditions of the rural people.

Also, there is considerable distrust of initiated programmes on the part of rural people. the element of control over resources development by bureaucrats based in head offices removed the realities of rural living and productive activities. An approach that gives rural people the power initiate and manage their own development process, would eliminate this obvious distrust and facilitate commitment to the proper implementation of whatever ideas and projects are embarked upon. The people will also have control over resources and be willing to mobilize their own manpower, material and financial resources towards the realization of their common objectives. Also is the institution of the learning approach important which ought to characterize the rural development planning process. In fact large development programmes must be encouraged to start on an experimental scale, in view of the complexity of the programme environment, shown by this research.

It is imperative that monitoring and evaluation must be an integral part of the process of planning and implementation. Whereas external monitoring and evaluation units are also needed. This should be an independent department within the programme's agency. Its activities must be on-going. Many government initiated rural development programmes as seen in our case studies

are guilty of regarding monitoring and evaluation as seasonal activities when annual and progress reports are to be submitted or when an on-coming regime asks for a situation report. This practise should be discouraged. Monitoring and evaluation are critical parts of the planning process. Perhaps the objective of the exercise should not be regarded as witch-hunting as is usually the case but to help management at particular points in time assess programme performance; problems identified and deficiencies rectified in good time.

As pertaining to individual case studies recommendations will take into consideration the serious problem areas.

DFRRI feeder roads programme suffers confidence crisis. The communities have made substantial contributions in cash, labour and materials but what they got in terms of the quality of output fell short of their expectations. Also they are not clear as to what should be in keeping up road maintenance. It obvious that the feeder roads concept as decided by DFRRI was not made clear to local people. They were expecting is also a participation gap season roads. There If rural people had been involved in the planning of the programme, these gaps would not occur. The communities would have had something to say about the type of roads they need and how to maintain such

Also all parties would have been clear on the issue of rehabilitation of existing community roads or regrading.

government ought to have continued to state its RAIRDEP concept based on contribution by the local and state governments and improved on DFRRI roads. federal government must change its parternalistic tiers of approach the two lower political administration and must be willing to accommodate their views where this will definitely lead to improved programme output. Today, DFRRI roads are held in contempt in many parts of the state. When government embarks on a programme that due to obvious lapses in design, their environment, such programme represent waste of public resources, We know that the colossal rainy season is also the active farming season. If this time DFRRI roads cannot be used, their usefulness is curtailed.

Problems arise in the implementation of programme but they are more likely in situations where government bureaucrats sit in offices removed from local and plan programmes for them and expect to meet their needs. programmes The programme becomes something done, to not for or with rural people. All levels of government in Nigeria, must move away from this tendency. DFRRI can decide in the Rivers State to

reduce the lengths of roads and improve on the quality of the roads.

The Agricultural Extension programme being a service delivery programme is the one of the three case studies that is most sensitive to differential impact. Its two most critical problems are simply that extension services are not effective at the local level in general and specifically there is marginalization of the low income, smaller scale producers and women. Yet of all three programmes, this is the one with the most elaborate design in terms of planning, manpower and funding.

Obviously its monitoring and evaluation process is faulty. Either monitoring and evaluation is not being properly done or not objectively done. The use of contact farmers as World Bank requirements is another matter. The experience with RISADEP as well as other ADPs in Nigeria should suggest to all concerned that the contact farmer idea needs a re-think. In fact the use of the ADP in its entirety needs a re-thinking. The World Bank's financial support for the programme is not a gift but a loan. If due to loan conditionalities, the very objective of the programme becomes questionable, then there must be reconsiderations of whether the loan is necessary or not. The RISADEP appears to be a huge bureaucratic outfit that on the surface is running around doing a lot of work but in reality, in comparison to its large expenditure outlay

is achieving comparatively little, at least in the provision of extension services.

Perhaps special consideration like that being recently given to the women-through the women in agriculture scheme-ought to be thought out for other disadvantaged groups.

The School-to-Land programme needs complete planning. Perhaps even its name needs to be changed participant confidence instil public and in the programme. The programme as it is now, exists more in the minds of bureaucrats based in Port Harcourt, than in terms of young people properly settled on land in their localities, engaged in farming. The programme has management crisis and this includes funding, inefficiency and uncertainty. The state government's handling of this crisis has not helped at all. This programme has benefited from the experience of large scale agricultural settlement schemes in other parts of the country in time No where in Nigeria have such schemes been successful. This was the reason why at its Ministry of Agriculture staff requested that it be as an experimental scheme first.

In the re-planning of the scheme, the views of the few young farmers, who have kept faith with the programme by continuing in it in spite of the many lapses, must be sought and utilized. Also, the element of conflict

between the authority and the communities over land must addressed. The government should endeavour to pay outstanding compensations and should reduce the acquired by releasing unused parcels of land back to their original owners. These suggestions should be part of well programmed social cost/benefit analysis in which all the interest groups affected by the programme identified and the costs and benefits to each one of them estimated. The results of such an analysis together with findings from research such as those of particular study should constitute the basis for future policy and programme decisions.

Rural development is about people - poor people and marginalised groups who in relation to the prevailing social and economic structures require specific forms of intervention to increase their incomes, productivity with the attendant improvements in their social and economic welfare. The relevance effectiveness of any project for rural development must therefore be seen in these terms, that is from the point of view of its distributional impact.

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APPENDIX 1

RURAL FEEDER ROADS CASE STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPACT OF DFRRI RURAL FEEDER ROADS SECTION A (BACKGROUND)

1.	Name of Village		
2.	Date of Interview		
3.	Sex of Respondent		
4.	Length of stay in Local	ity	
		1 - 5 years	01
		6 - 10 years	02
		11 - 15 years	03
		Over 15 years	04
5.	Age of Respondent		
		20 - 29 years 30 - 39 years	01 02
		40 - 49 years	03
		50 - 59 years	04
		59 years and above	05
6.	Level of Education		
•	never or neareston	None	01
		Primary School Completed	02
		Sec/Comm. School completed	03
		Teacher Training/Voc. School	04.
		Polytechnic/University	05
7.	Main occupation of Resp		
		Farming Fishing	01 02
		Trading	03
	.67	Artisan/Handcraft	04
		Local manufacturing	05
	SECT	ION B (SOCIAL ACTIVITY)	
8(a)	Do you belong to any vico-operative etc)	illage organisation (club, societ	:У,
		Yes No	81
		No	02
(b)	Name of Organisation		
9.	What are the three main	n activities of this organisation	1?
10(a)Are you aware that DFRI your community?	RI has built a f eeder road in	
		Yes	01
		· No	02
(b) If Yes, what part did y	ou play?	
11.	What contribution did y construction of DFRRI x	your organisation make to the coads?	
		Cash	01
		Labour	02
		Matarials	03

12(a)	Has the road helped to proorganization?	omote the activities of your	
	Yes	S C	1
	No	C	2
(b)	In what ways has this occureasons)	ared? (Give only three main	
13.	Did your organization make on the DFRRI road?	e any petition or complaint	
	. Yes	. 0	1
	No	0	2
14.	If Yes, what was the compl		
15.	Did you receive any response	onse?	
	Yes	0	1
	No	0	2
16.	If "Yes", was the response	e favorable?	
	Yes		1
	No	0	2
17.	Did any concrete action for		
	Yes No)1
	140		12
	SECTIO	ON C	
18.	Did you or anyone in your to DFRRI road programme?	household make any contribution	L
	Ŷes	S 0	1
	No		2
19.	If "Yes", in what form was	this contribution?	
	Lar		1
•	Cas	sh O	2
			3
			4
	Any	other, please specify?	
20(a)	If contribution was land,	who owned the land so given?	
	The state of the s		1
			2
			3
	-	1 1	1
(b)	If cash, state the specific	c total amount N	
21	What access do you have to	your farm?	
		<u>-</u>) 1) 2
		sting earth road	12
			3
		halt road (State Govt.,	
		·	4
		•)5)6
	Sp€	ecify	O

22(a)	By what mode of transpo	rt do you go to farm, usually?	
•		Treking	.01
		_	. 02
		Motor cycle	ο3
		Canoe	04
		Other (specify)	05
(b)	Since after construction		0.1
		Treking	01
	•	Bicycle Motor cycle	02 03
	·	Canoe	04
		Other (specify)	05
23(a)	What is the distance fr fishing ground?	om your home to the farm/	
		Under 1km	01
		1 - 3km	02
	·	4 - 6km	03
		7 - 9km 10 and over	04 05
			05
(b)	Since commissioning of distance since a new ro	ad came into use?	
		Under 1km	01
	•	1 - 3km 4 - 6km	02 03
	•	7 - 9km	04
		10km and over	05
24(a)	What time did it take t previously?	o get to the farm from home	
•		Under 15min	01
		15 - 29min	02
٠	Cal	30 - 44min	03
		45 - 59min	04
,		1 Hour and above	05
(a)	What time does it take	if you now use DFRRI Road?	
		Under 15min	01
		15 - 29min	02
		30 - 44min 45 - 59min	03 04
		1 Hour and above	05
(c)		r farm? (1 Hectare is approximat	
	1 football field).	Less than 1Ha	01
		•	
		1 – 2Ha 3 – 4Ha	02 03
	•	5 – 4на 5 – 6на	04
		7 - 8Ha	05
		9 - 10На	06
		Over 10Ha	07

25.			has increased as a result o e to the farm, and by how m Yes No	
	(b) If Yes,		by a quarter by a third by a half	01 02 03
26.		e usual output eekly, all year	of your farm products round.	
	Vegetables:		1 stack 2 - 5 stacks 6 - 9 stacks 10 - 13 stacks Over 13 stacks	01 02 03 04 05
	Cassava:		1 Basket 2 - 5 baskets 6 - 9 baskets 10 - 13 baskets Over 13 baskets	01 02 03 04 05
	Products har	vested weekly	within 3 months duration.	
	Fruits:		1: Basket 2 - 5 baskets 3 - 9 baskets 10 - 13 baskets Over 13 baskets	01 02 03 04 05
	Maize:	218	1 Basket 2 - 5 baskets 6 - 9 haskets 10 - 13 baskets Over 13 baskets	01 02 03 04 05
	Plantain:	OKS	1 Bunch 2 - 5 bunches 6 - 9 bunches 10 - 13 bunches Above 13 bunches	01 02 03 04 05
	Products har	vested once.		
	Yam:		Less than 100 tubers 100 - 249 tubers 250 - 499 tubers 500 - 749 tubers 750 - 1,000 tubers Over 1,000 tubers	01 02 03 04 05 06
26.	Has your out farm and by	put changed as how much?	a result of DFRRI road to	the
	(a) Yes	5 .	a quarter a third a half doubled Other (specify)	01 02 03 04 05
	(b) No			01

27,	Where do you sell you	r product	s?	
		Before	After DFRRI road	1
	(i) Road side			01
	(ii) Village market			02
	(iii) Urban market			03
	•			. .
28	What is the distance of	of farm/v	village to the marke	t?
	(i) Under 1km	Before	After DFRRI road	
				01
	(ii) 1 - 3km			02
	(iii) 4 - 6 km			03
	(iv) 7 - 9km			04
	(v) 10km and above		0-	05
29.	Whote enables a Company			.1
29.	What quantity of produce weekly, all year.	icts do y	ou transport to the	market?
	Vegetables:	Before	After DFRRI road	I
	(i) 1 stack			01
	(ii) 2 - 5 stacks			02
٠	(iii) 6 - 9 stacks			03
	(iv) 10 - 13 stacks			04
	(v) Over 13 stacks			Ì
	(V) OVEL 13 STACKS			. 05
	Cassava:	Before	After DFRRI road	
	(i) 1 Basket			01
	(ii) 2 - 5 baskets		,	02
	(iii) 6 - 9 baskets			03
•	(iv) 10 - 13baskets			04
	(v) Over 13baskets			05
				·
	Fruits:	Before	After DFFRI road	
	(i) 1 Basket			01
	(ii) 2 - 5 baskets			
	(iii) 6 - 9 baskets	-		03
	(iv) 10 - 13 baskets			04
	(V) Aver 13 hagkets			05

Weekly, for maximum of 3 months.

30.

Maize	:	Before	After DFRRI road	
(i)	1 Basket			01
(ii)	2 - 5 baskets			02
(iii)	6 - 9 baskets			03
(iv)	10 - 13 baskets			04
(v)	Over 13 baskets			05
Yam т	uþers:	Before	After DFRRI road	l
(i)	Less than 100		111111111111111111111111111111111111111	01
(ii)	100 - 249 tubers		4	02
(iii)	250 - 499 tubers			03
(iv)	500 - 749 tubers		Q-1	04
(v)	750 -1000 tubers			05
(vi)	Over 1000 tubers			06
Отнгр	Plantain:	Before	After DFRRI road	
		ретоте	Alter DFRRI 10ad	
(1)	1 Bunches			01
(ii)	2 - 5 bunches			02
(iii)	6 - 9 bunches			03
(iv)	10 - 13 bunches			04
(v)	Above13 bunches			05
Dh				
ъу ₩п	at mode do you tra			İ
(i)	Foot	Before	After DFRRI road	01
(ii)	Bicycle	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		02
	Wheel barrow			03
(iv)	Canoe			04
(v)	Motor cycle	<u> </u>		05
(vi)	Pick up van			06
(vii)	Mini bus			07
(viii)	Lorry			08

31. H	How much income per annumin 1987?	n did you realize from your work	
		N100 - N299	01
		N300 - N499	02
		N500 - N799	03
	·	N800 - N999	04
•		N1,000 and above	05
		, occ and above	•
32. I	How much income did you i	realize from your work in 1991	
		N100 - N299	01
•		N300 - N499	02
		N500 - N799	03
·		N800 - N999	04
	•	N1,000 and above	05
33. т	To what three main factor	es would you attribute your	
	income situation?	is would you acclibate your	
•	znocme pradacien.	Increase in output	01.
	•	Increase in vol. of sales	02
		Higher prices for goods	03
		Diversification of employment	04
34(a) E	Has the cost of land incr	reased over the past 5 years?	·
		Yes	01
		No ·	02
(b) I	If "Yes" what can be att	ributable to this increase?	•
		None-availability of land	01
		Increase in Agric. production	02
		General Increase in cost of	0.3
		living DFRRI road creating improved	03
		accessibility	04
		Other, please specify	05
		other, prease specify	05
35. I	Let respondent give cost	of unit area of land then and now.	
	() *	Area of land	01
		cost of land in 1987 N	02
		Cost of the same piece of land	03
		Now N	

FOR PICK UP/MINI-BUS/LORRY DRIVERS

36.	How long have you been obetween village and mark	operating transport service cet?	
		Under 1 year	01
		2 - 3 years	02
		Over 3 years	03
37.		ceable increase in volume of port from this villageto the	
		Yes	01
		No ·	02
38.	If Yes, how many trips and now between village	a week were you making previously and market?	
	Previously (before)	1 trip a week	01
	-	2 trips a week	02
•	•	3 trips a week	03
	Presently (now)	2 trips a week	01
	• • •	3 trips a week	02
		4 trips a week	03
39.	Will you attribute the	increase in trips to a new DFRRIro	ad
		acess to the village, which you	
		Yes	01
		No	02
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APPENDIX II

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME CASE STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPACT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

SECTION A (BACKGROUND)

1.	Name of Village		
2.	Date of Interview		
3.	Sex of Respondent		
4.	Length of stay in Local	ity	
	· · ·	1-5 years 6-10 years 11-15 years 15 years +	01 02 03 04
5.	Age of Respondent	1	
		20-29 years	01
		30-39 years 40-49 years 50-59 years 59 years and above	02 03 04 05
6.	Level of Education	None	01
		Primary School completed	.02
	·	Sec/Comm. School completed Teacher Training/Voc. School	03 04
		Polytechnic/University	05
7.	Occupation		
		Farming	01
	.6	Fishing	02
	SEC	CTION B	
8.	For how long have you h	peen engaged in fishing/farming?	
•		1-5 years	01
		6-10 years	02 03
		11-15 years 15 years and above	04
9(a)	Do you belong to a fish	ning/farming co-operative?	
		Yes	01
		No ·	02
(b)	For how long have you	received extension services?	
10.	How often does an exter	asion agent visit you?	, •
•	•	Once every two weeks	01
		Once every month	02
	·	Once in two to three months	03 04
		Once in six to nine months	05
	,	Once in a year Never	06
		110 1 0 1	

11.	What do you receive from	the extension agent?	
		Inputs such as chemicals, Fertilizer Inputs such as equipment Advice on new techniques Loans Nothing All of the above	01 02 03 04 05 06
12.	If you received any imputhese in 1990	ts what were the costs of	
	Where you forced or pres	surized in any way to accept	
•		Yes No	01 02
1/1/2	\Have you ever refused to	accept any inputs from an	02
14(a	extension agent?	accept any inputs from an	
		Yes	01
		No	02
(b)Give reasons for your an	swer	
15.	How many persons do/did assist you.	you employ as paid labour to	
	•	Year No. of Employees	
	· .	In 1987	
		In 1990 In 1991	
1.0			
16.	what were the reasons to change?	or the increase/decrease/no	
	1,5	Use of Labour-saving machinery	01
		Use of more family labour	02
		Use of more advanced fishing/ farming methods	03
		Poor/increased turnover	04
		Other (specify)	05
17.	Give an idea of the size	e of your enterprise.	
• •	(a) No of farms and siz		
	(b) No of ponds and siz(c) Have these increase	ed in the last 4 - 5 years?	
		Yes	01
	· .	No	02
18.	To what do you attribute	this increase or non-increase	
19(a)What was your monthly in	come in 1987 N	
19(a (b)What was your monthly in)What was your monthly in	come in 1987 N come in 1990 N	
19(a (b (c)What was your monthly in)What was your monthly in)What is your monthly inc	come in 1987 N come in 1990 N come this year N	
19(a (b)What was your monthly in)What was your monthly in	come in 1987 N come in 1990 N come this year N	01 02 03

21(a)	Do you have your own home, one you built?	
	Yes	01
(1-)	No	02
(a)	When was it built?	
22.	For interviewer (notes on the respondents House)	
	Types of roofing material	01
	Type of wall	02
	Number of living rooms	03
23.	Do you take active part in extension agent	
	demonstration exercise	
	Yes	01
	No	02
24.	How would you rate the work of your village's extension agent	
	Very Good	01
	Good	02
	Average Poor	03 04
		04
25.	Please give reasons for your answer in (24) above.	
26(a)	Have you had cause to complain to headquarters about the extension service in your village?	
	Yes	01
	No	02
(b)	If Yes, when was this (year)	
(c)	What was the main cause of complaint?	
27.	What was the response you received from the authorities	?
28(a)	Have you ever had to pay in cash or kind for an extension agent's service?	on
	Yes	01
	No	02
(b)	Is this the normal practice or you just felt like showing appreciation?	

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APPENDIX III

• QUESTIONNAIRE FOR COMMUNITY LEVEL DATA COLLECTION ON SCHOOL-TO-LAND PROGRAMME

SECTION A BACKGROUND INFORMATION

		•	
1.	Name of Village or Town		
2.	Local Government Area		
3.	Sex of Respondent	•	
	<u>-</u>	Male	01
		Female	02
4.	Age of Respondent		
	ngo or Respondent	17 - 27 years	01
	·	28 - 38 years	02
		39 - 49 years	03
		50 years and above	04
5.	Length of stay in locali	ty	
•		Less than 3 years	01
٠.		3 - 5 years	02
	•	6 - 8 years 9 years and above	03 04
_			
6.	Occupation of Respondent	<u>-</u>	
		Farming/Fishing	01
		Trading	02
		Local Manufacturing Artisan/Handcraft	03 04
7.	If farmer or fishman, ha inputs from government.	ve you ever received any Yes	01
		No	02
8.	What was the nature of t	he input	
		Loan	01
		Seeds, Fertilizers and chemicals	
		Machinery	03
	•	Technical Advice	04
9.	Level of education		
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		Secondary/Comm. School completed	
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		N251 - N350 N351 - N450	05
		N351 - N550	06

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SECTION B

1.	Are you aware of the gov	ernments	
		School-to-land Programme	
		Yes	01
		No	02
2.	How did you get to know	about it?	
	now are you get to know	Radio	01
		Television	02
		Newspaper	02
		Local group or association	04
		Community Leaders	05
3.	Did you or anyone in you	r family you know, make contribut:	ion
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	•	Money Labour	02
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		Community	02
		Private Individuals	03
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9.	Has this programme been	of benefit to you as an individua	12
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10.	Have you had occasion to	disagree with the programme.	
		Yes	01
		No	02
11.	If Yes, what aspects of	the programme were these?	
12.	Who else that you know or	f has had occasion to disagree	
	with the programme.	. has had cocasion to arsayiee	
13.	How was the disagreement	handled?	

15.	Has	Has this reaction		changed?	
				Yes	01
				No	02

16. What factors are responsible for the change?

14. What was your intial reaction to the programme?

APPENDIX IV

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SCHOOL-TO-LAND PARTICULARS

1.	Name of Farm, Village or	Town .	
2.	Local Government Area		
3.	Sex of Participant	Male	01
		Female	02
4.	Marital Status	·	
		Married	01
		Single	02
		Divorced	03
		Seperate	04
5.	Age of Pariticipant		
		16 years - 20 years	01
		21 years - 25 years 26 years - 30 years	02 03
		30 years and above	04
6 .	Educational Ovalification		
٠.	Educational Qualification	Secondary School completed	01
		Secondary School not completed	02
7.	Where you employed anywh	ere before the S - L Programme	
		Yes	01
		No	02
8(a)	Date recruited as traine	e farmer	
(b)	Date graduated		
9.	Date settled as farmer		
10.	What area of the program	mo are you involved in	
10.	what area of the program	Livestock	01
		Crop	02
		Others (specify)	03
в.	Give an indication of the	e size of your holdings	
	() Y	No. of hectares	01
		No. of livestock	02
11.	What is the distance from	m where you live to the farm?	
		Less than 2 kilometres (km)	01
		2km - 4km	02
		$5 \mathrm{km}$ - $7 \mathrm{km}$	03
		8km 10km	04
		More than 10km	05
12.	By what means do you tra	vel to the farm?	
•	· ·	On foot	01
	•	By motor cycle	02
		By bicycle	03
		By taxi/bus	04
		By company provided transport	05

13.	How long does it take you to travel to your farm?	
	Less than 15 minutes	01
•	15 - 29 minutes 30 - 44 minutes	02 03
	45 - 60 minutes	04
	Over one hour	05
14.	Do you intend to continue in the business of farming?	
•	Yes	01
	. No	02
15.	Please give reasons for your answer.	
16.	Has this programme been of benefit to you?	
	Yes .	01
	No .	02
17.	If Yes, what are these benefits?	
18.	How often do you discuss problems with your management?	
	Regularly When necessary	01 02
	Never	03
19.	Have you had occasion to make specific complaints to management?	
	Yes	O1
2-	No	02
20.	If Yes, what was the complaints about?	•
21.	What was the response?	
22.	Would you regard your training as adequate for the work you are now doing?	
	Yes	01
	No	02
23.	If No, what are the problem?	
24.	Have you had any disagreements with the villagers?	0.4
	Yes No	01 02
25.	What was the disagrement about?	
26.	How was it resolved?	
27-	How much have you spent so far on clearing and planting?	?
	Less than N100	01
	N100 - N350 N351 - N550	Q2 O3
	N551 - N750	04
	N751 - N950	05
	N951 and above	06
28 (a)What was your est imated d income from the farm? In 1988	
•	In 1989	
	In 1990	
	In 1991	

(2)	Authority?	or your products by the b	
		In 1988	
		In 1989	
		In 1990	
		In 1991	
29.	What are your sources of	financial support for the farm	
		Government loan	01
	•	Loan from family and friend	02
		Loan from traditional money	
	·	lenders	03
		Personal savings	04
		Bank Loans	05
30.	Do you employ the service	e of:	
		Wives, children, relatives Hired labour Other participants/friends	01 02

on your farm?

(b) How much were you paid for your products by the S - L

APPENDIX V

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR CASE STUDIES

- A. Basic Information
 - 1. Name of Interview
 - 2. Title of case study
 - 3. Position of person interviewed
 - 4. Name of agency
- B. 1. Could you describe how this programme came to be approved by government for execution?
 - Were you directly involved in the planning? If not, who do you know was involved.
 - 3. Did you have occasion to disagree with the proposal?
 - 4. Please provide details of the disagreement, who was involved and what the issues were.
 - 5. Did you accept the objectives for which the programme was proposed - why?
 - 6. Were any alternatives to this programme considered as appropriate for achieving the same objectives? Yes or No.
 - 7. What were these alternatives and who proposed them?
 - 8. Did you agree with all aspects of the programme elements such as the scale, the timing, locations, beneficiaries?
 - 9. Was the programme considered a priority by federal or state policy makers? Yes or No.
 - 10. What are/were the indicators to support your view?
 - 11. Apart from persons within your organization, which others that you know about within or outside governments were involved in planning the programme?
 - 12. Which of the above were also involved in the execution of the programme?
 - 13. What has been the reaction of the local communities in which you located these programmes.
 - 14. Has there been specific expression of concern or dissatisfaction with the programme?
 - 15. What are the source of the above and what do you feel have led to it?
 - 16. How has such reactions affected your activiites? How did you handle them?
 - 17. Do you know of any reaction to the programme: when it was first initiated from known groups within the state such as private consultancies, contractors, farmers, trade union, the press, academicians or such groups.
 - 18. Do you have any evidence to support this?
 - 19. What aspects of the programme proposal were affected by the groups in (17).
 - 20. Was the programme in line with your agency's proposals for the plan period? Yes or No.

- 21. Did the programme as executed differ substantially from initial proposals? Yes or No.
- 22. Would you say these changes were of a positive nature in terms of the objectives of the programme? Why?
- 23. Were the intended beneficiaries involved in effecting these changes?
- 24. Was there any reason for disagreement over the programme's planning or execution among the officers directly working on it? Please provide details.
- 25. Who would you say benefitted most from this programme?
- 26. Were persons within the administration involved in sharing from this? How?
- 27. What are your sources of financial support for the programme?
- 28. Could you identify all other agencies state, federal or private which are involved in the planning and implementation of this programme?
- 29. How would you describe your agency's working, relationship with these other agencies?
- 30. Could you indicate areas of conflict experienced in this relationship?
- 31. How do you resolve such conflicts?
- 32. Who is responsible for the provision of guidelines on your operations?
- 33. What happens if you fail to comply? (Please provide details of any such occasions).
- 34. Who is responsible for disbursements of money to the programme?
- 35. Would you regard the procedure as adequate? How?
- 36. Which offices within the state or at federal level are involved in your financial decision making?
- 37. Who are/were involved in the appointment of your management making?
- 38. Would you regard your implementation strategy as adequate? Yes or No? Why?
- 39. Was your department actively involved in the planning of the programme? Yes or No. If no, who did?
- 40. Has there been disagreement within the department over any specific procedures regarding the planning and execution of the programme? Who were involved?
- 41. Has there been conflict over the use of financial resources?

 Any reported cases of mismanagement?
- 42. How do you monitor your field operations?
- 43. Did you experience delays and major modifications during implementation?

- 44. What were the sources of the above?
 - (a) charges in the organization framework for programme management.
 - (b) implementation agency is different from funding agency. Conflict in procedure, programme elements.
 - (c) internal problems of management
 - · lack of technical capability necessary for execution
 - political interference in management decisions
 - mismanagement of funds
 - (d) Excessive fragmentation of the decision making progress. Too many clearance points.
 - (e) Personal conflicts bewteen officials responsible.
 - (f) Procedure conflicts between officials responsible.
 - (g) Inadequate funding (delays, shortfalls, withdrawals).
 - (h) Opposition from local communities (Please tick/as appropriate).
- 45. Would you say that sufficient attention was given to:
 - (a) the financial resource requirements
 - (b) the manpower and technical resource requirements at the time of planning?
- 46. Do you feel that sufficient room is given to you and your colleagues in the planning and execution of the programme to exercise your professional judgement? How?
- 47. Was there a need for coordination in the planning and execution of the programme?
- 48. Who did the coordinating:
 - (a) within the organization
 - (b) other organization.

APPENDIX VI

INTERVIEW WITH SPECIFIC LOCAL GROUPS/CHIEFS AND ELDERS

- 1. Name of group
- 2. Date of formation
- 3. Membership (Sex)
- 4. Type of group (main activities)
- 5. What aspects of the programme were you involved in?
- 6. Would you say that the programme has been of benefits to you.
 - (a) As a group?
 - (b) As a community
- 7. If your answer is yes, in what ways has it been of benefits?
- 8. Did you have occasion to dicuss the programme at your meetings?
- 9. Was any government official present at this discussions.
 - (a) As representing a government agency
 - (b) As a member of the community
- 10. Have you as a group make representation to the government regarding this programme?
- 11. What was it about?
- 12. Was there any response?
- 13. Was response as expected?
- 14. To whom in government was this representation directed?
- 15. What specific contribution did the group or community make to the programme?
- 16. If contribution was land, was any compensation paid?
- 17. Was compensation for the land demanded by village?
- 18. Were contributions made following specific requests to do so by either government or village elders or local group leaders?
- 19. Who were these? (Office, occupation, status).
- 20. Has there been any conflict with government regarding the programme?
- 21. Has there been any conflict between individuals or families with regard to the programme?
- 22. What were the conflict about?
- 23. How was it resolved?
- 24. Have you as a group made representation to government on behalf of the village regarding the programme?

 Any evidence to support this?
- 25. What was the response?
- 26. How were you as a group first made aware of the programme?

APPENDIX VII

TOTAL LENGTH OF PHASE I DFRRI FEEDER ROADS

- ALGA: 1. Ogbede-Ikodi Road 16km
 - 2. Udebu-Ihuaba-Idoke-Ihuawo Road 9km

BALGA: Shell Flow Station-Imiringi Otuasega 5.6km

BOLGA: Bori-Kpong-Beeri-Bunu-Kabangba 20km

DELGA: Orukalama-Angulama-Minama-Degema 13.5km

- KELGA: 1. Isiokpo-Ogbodo 6.5km
 - 2. Isiokpo-Omuanwa-Ubima 15.35km
 - 3. Obelle-Ibaa-Rumuji-Rumuewhor 13.6km
 - 4. Umuaturu-Umundele-Ndashi-Igbodo-Egbeka-Nwuba 20km
- OLGA: 1. Abalamabie 5.6km
 - 2. Secondary School-Nkporo Town 2.0km
 - 3. Opoho-Kalaibama 5.50km
 - 4. Ngo-Oyorokoto 11.50km
- OTELGA: 1. Egberu-Afam Ukwu-Afam Nta-Afam Ukwu-Koroboro 16.70km
 - 2. Kira-Kporghor-Wakama 4.60km
 - 3. Refinery-Oba Amad 3.50km
 - 4. Umuaqbaqbai-Okwali 7.00km
 - 5. Refinery Road-Okujagu Ama 5.00km
 - 6. Refinery-Organ-Ama 2.00km
- PHALGA: 1. Uniport-Aluu 14km
 - 2. Femie-Abuloma 1.9km
 - 3. Ozuboko-Abuloma 1.70km
- YELGA: 1. Korokorosei-Azuzuama 10km
 - 2. Obunagha-Gbarantoru-Tombia-Akaibiri 10km
 - 3. Okolobiri-Polaku 7km
 - 4. Odi-Trofani 16km
 - Kaiama-Opokuma-Sagbagirea 16km
- SALGA: 1. Sagbama-Tungbo 7.00km
 - 2. Elemebiri-Omoku 5.20km
 - 3. East-West-Agbere-Odoni 18.4km

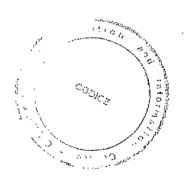
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APPENDIX VIII

FEEDER ROADS PROGRAMME

Variable No.	Description
1.	Name of Village
2.	Sex of Respondent
3.	Age of Respondent
4.	Respondent's length of stay in locality
5.	Respondent's Level of Education
6.	Respondent's participation in local organizations
7.	Awareness of the existence of DFRRI road
8.	Road Helped local organization
9.	Any petition on the DFRRI Road
10.	Nature of complaint in the Petition
11.	Any receipt of Response on the Petition
12.	Nature of Response Received
13.	Any concrete Action Following Response
14.	Household Contribution to the Construction of the Road
15.	Ownership of Land Through which Road Passes
16.	Amount of Cash Donated To Road Construction
17.	Usual Distance From Home to Farm
18.	Distance Following DFRRI Road
19.	Usual Time to Farm
20.	Time Following DFRRI Road
21.	Size of farm/other productive unit
22.	Increase of Holding Due to Road
23.	Amount of Increase due to Road
24.	Pre-Road General Output (vegetable, Cassava, Fruits, Maize, Plantain and Rice)
25.	Post-Road General Output (Vegetable, Cassava, Fruits, Maize, Plantain, Rice)
26.	Pre-Road Yam Output
27.	Post-Road Yam Output
28.	Increase In Output Due to the Road
29.	Increase In Output Not Due to the Road
30.	Distance to Market after Road
31.	Quantity of General products To market Before Road
32	Quantity of General Products To market After Road
33.	Quantity of Yam to Market Before Road

<u>Variable No</u> .	Description
34.	Quantity of Yams to Market After Road
35.	Income in 1987
36.	Income in 1991/92
. 37.	Income situation due to Increase in Output
38.	Income situation due to Increase in Sale
39.	Income situation due to Higher Prices
40.	Income situation due to Diversification of Employment
41.	Income situation Due to Increase in Cost of La
42.	Increased cost of Land Due to scarcity
43.	Increased cost of Land Due to Increase in Agricultural Production
44.	Increased cost of Land Due to General Increase in cost of living
45.	Increased cost of Land Due to DFRRI road Access.
46.	Increased cost of Land Due to other Reasons
47.	Area of Land cultivated
48.	Cost of Land in 1987
49.	Cost of Land in 1991/92



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2.	Sex of Respondent
3.	Age of Respondent
4.	Length of stay in Locality
5.	Education status of Respondent
6.	Occupation of Respondent
7.	Length of practicing the occupation
8.	Participation in local organizational activity
9.	Receipt of Extension service
10.	Frequency of extension Agent visit
11.	Type of input received
12.	Cost of service received
13.	Pressurized to receive service
14.	Refusal to accept service
15.	Number employed in 1987
16.	Number employed in 1990
17.	Number employed in 1991/92
18.	Reasons for number employed
19.	Size of operations
20.	Increase in size of operations
21.	Reasons for increase
22.	Average monthly income in 1987
23.	Average monthly income in 1990
24.	Average monthly income in 1991/92
25.	Possession of Household assets
26.	Ownership of own house
27.	Active participation in field demonstration
28.	Rating of extension work in Village
29.	Complaint of extension work
30.	Payment in cash for extension service
31.	Farm size