

**Model for Roles and Involvement of Local Communities
in Development Projects and Programmes of
Local Government Authorities in Nigeria**

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ABSTRACT This paper is of the view that successive governments in Nigeria for too long have neglected the rural/local communities. There is very little evidence to suggest that past policies of government made significant impact in terms of accomplishing improved quality of life for the over 70% of Nigerians that live in the rural communities. This study, therefore, advocated a model for roles and involvement of the local communities in projects/programmes design, execution, monitoring and evaluation. The study concludes that the adoption of this model will lead to good governance of Local Government Areas in Nigeria and by extension enhance the quality of life of Nigerians.