

Personal Characteristics Predisposing Children to Agricultural Involvement among the Yoruba's in South West Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The study examined personal characteristics of children that predispose them to agricultural involvement among the Yoruba tribe in the southwest of Nigeria. Multi-stage and purposive sampling technique was used to select three states in the southwest of Nigeria and 540 children from the ages of 5 to 14 years old. Descriptive statistics, chi-square and Spearman rho analyses were used to test the significance of the associations between children's level of involvement in agriculture and their personal characteristics. Regression analysis revealed age of the children, gender of children and position of children among children in the household had positive relationships with level of involvement while level of education of children had an inverse relationship. They were all significant predisposing characteristics accounting for 14% of variations in level of involvement. It was recommended that government should make basic education compulsory to secondary school completion. Schools holidays should also be made to coincide with farming seasons.