

Impact of Non-Governmental Organisations' Income Generating Projects: A Case of Rural Poverty Alleviation in a Selected Small Scale Dairy Projects in Chikomba District

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ABSTRACT This paper investigates the impact of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in rural poverty alleviation in Chikomba District in Zimbabwe. A triangulated research method was employed and data was collected from forty (40) individuals. The findings of the study reveal that although NGO small scale dairy projects have been in the community for long, rural poverty alleviation is still a far cry. The study also proved that despite NGO support, most small scale dairy projects are not sustained because of lack of funds and credits, skills, efficient transport system and veterinary services for the dairy cattle. In addition, monthly income that is received from these projects is still paltry and cannot alone sustain the lives of the people in Chikomba District. Gender and all age groups conceded that unemployment rate is still high in the District. Hence, there is need to articulate these NGO programs in ways that addresses unemployment. However, the continued political and economic crisis in Zimbabwe necessitates the continued crucial role of NGO income generating projects so as to address the inherent incidence of poverty in the country.