

## INFLUENCE OF N-POWER SCHEME ON HOUSING POVERTY REDUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE EGOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, EDO STATE, NIGERIA

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### Abstract

*This study was carried out to find out the impact of the N-Power programme in reducing housing poverty, given the promise made by ex-President Muhammadu Buhari to lift 100 million Nigerians out of extreme poverty before the year 2023 through the tools of social and welfare programmes. The study adopted empowerment theory as the framework of analysis. The population of the study comprised the N-Power enrollees who served in the Egor Local Government Area of Edo State. It relied on a mixed method of data collection to collect data from the designated respondents. The study's major findings showed that the N-Power Programme had a positive influence on the housing poverty reduction of participants in the study area over the non-beneficiaries of the scheme. It concluded that the N-Power Programme was instrumental in improving welfare conditions and reducing housing poverty of beneficiaries in the studied area. The study recommended, based on the impact of the N-Power programme on housing poverty reduction, that the incumbent regime of Bola Ahmed Tinubu should expand the scope of the programme to benefit more Nigerians and increase the monthly stipends from ₦30,000 to ₦70,000 to reflect the new national minimum wage so that the purchasing power of beneficiaries can be improved.*

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