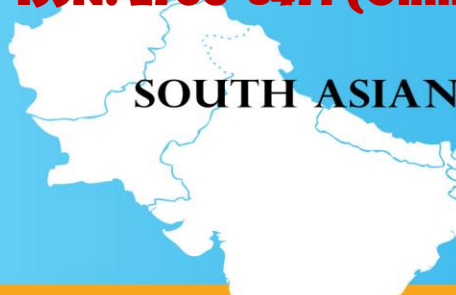


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ABSTRACT

The contemporary issues in the theories of community development were examined in three rural communities of Ekiti State using two instruments tagged 'Questionnaire for Dwellers' and 'Questionnaire for Community Leaders' administered on 60 rural dwellers and 15 community leaders respectively. The contemporary issues identified by the rural dwellers include epileptic supply of electricity; urbanisation; poor road network; poor access to portable water supply; limited access to education, market and health facilities. All these resulted in poverty and lack of necessary infrastructures. Information obtained from the community leaders revealed that residents in these communities had been previously involved in community development projects which is the panacea for alleviating poverty and enhances the provision of infrastructures in the communities. Practical and visionary leaders are required to enhance development. Also community collaborations with governments and non-governmental organizations on community development projects are also recommended.



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