

## **DIMENSIONS OF DERIVABLE INTRA-COOPERATIVES EXTENSION SERVICE SUPPORTS AMONG LOW RESOURCE WOMEN FARMERS IN AKWA IBOM NORTH EAST DISTRICT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This study evaluated incidences of derivable agro-preneurial cooperatives extension services supports among low resource women farmers in Akwa Ibom North East district. The study focused on assessing the socio-economic characteristics of the women, the group affiliation profile of the women, and the pattern of agro-preneurial cooperation towards of productive resources mobilization among the women. The study reveals that the average age was 33 years old, the ratio of unmarried to married stood at 1:3 and unmarried constituting a percentage of 39.8 while the average number of years spent in formal education stood at 11 years. Family structure revealed that household size that did not exceed 6 persons. About 39.8% of the respondents depended solely on farming. The study reveals that majority 71.0% (124) of the respondent depends on personal effort, 6.5% (14) of the respondent depends on cooperative, 13.4% (31) of the respondent depends on farming group, while 9.1% (11) of the respondents depends on women group. The study also discovered two (2) major dimensions of agropreneurial cooperation towards mobilization of productive Resources among the respondent in the study area factor one accounted for the highest variance (37.609%) in the data while factor two accounted for the lowest variance (9.889%) variance in the data.

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