

REQUEST FORMULATION AMONG SMALL HOLDER FARMERS: A PRELIMINARY STUDY IN SOME SELECTED SUBURB COMMUNITIES OF ACCRA, GHANA

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ABSTRACT

Request formulation is a common characteristics of humans and have been studied in most communities in Ghana. However, research on the nature of request formulation among small holder farmers is limited in some suburb communities of Accra including Abokobi, Michel Camp, Teshie and La. This study investigated the nature of request formulation among small holder farmers in these communities. The study employed qualitative approach and descriptive research design. Self-reported data were collected from 20 small holder farmers using interview. The data was analyzed using thematic content analytical procedure. The results of the study revealed that small holder farmers in the suburb communities of Accra used varied forms of request formulations in their work places. These comprised imperative, interrogative and declarative moods. The study further found that in all requests made by small holder farmers in the studied communities, there are compliances that follow immediately. The study recommends that request formulation among small holder farmers should be enhanced since it promotes harmonious relationship among these groups of people in all endeavors where communication is relevant.

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