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**IMPACT OF COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE  
NATIONAL FADAMA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN BILLIRI LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AREA OF GOMBE STATE, NIGERIA**

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**Abstract**

The study assessed the impact of Community Driven Development Strategy (CDDS) of National Fadama Development Programme in Billiri Local Government Area of Gombe State. Data were collected using a well- structured questionnaire from 120 randomly selected respondents, made up of 40 participants and 80 non-participants. The data collected were analyzed using descriptive statistics, Likert scale, chi-square and t-test. Result of chi-square test revealed that participants had favorable attitude towards NFDP-II strategy ( $P < 0.05$ ;  $X^2 = 17.3$ ). T-test result indicated a significant difference in the income of participants before and after the NFDP-II ( $P < 0.001$ ) and between the incomes of participants and non-participant ( $P < 0.001$ ). The Likert weighted mean score of 3.0 indicated significant increases in participant's productive socio-economic attributes. The study also identified the major constraints to NFDP-II strategy in the study area to include untimely disbursement of fund, lack of down payment and inadequate counterpart funding. To this end timely disbursement, increased counterpart funding and creating effective awareness for knowledge and resources management will promote the participation, adoption and success of the CDD strategy.

**Key words:** Impact, Community Driven Development Strategy, Fadama Programme.

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