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The main purpose of this study is to explain the participatory process of Kankara local community Fadama members with regards on social capital and empowerment. Fadama activity is a project initiated by local community, supported by Nigerian Government and some Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) for the purpose of empowering the members of Fadama User Groups (FUGs). The project focuses particularly on poverty eradication and improvement of the quality life of the rural people. The research objectives are: to describe the level of participation, social capital and empowerment, to identify the differences in participation, social capital and empowerment based on age, gender, level of education and level of income; to determine the relationship of participation, social capital and empowerment, and to determine the unique predictors to empowerment. Finally, the research has determined the mediating effects of social capital on the relationship between participation and empowerment.

A total of 285 respondents were randomly selected in this study. They were Fadama User Groups (FUGs) of Kankara local community, Katsina state, Nigeria. The study was designed quantitatively by using questionnaire as a tool in data collection process. The researcher administered the questionnaire himself and assisted by some trained enumerators. The researcher used descriptive statistics, t-test, ANOVA, correlation and regression analysis. Finally Sobel mediation test was also employed. The result shows that there were no significant difference in participation, social capital and empowerment based on age, gender, level of education and level of income. Pearson correlation indicated that there were significant moderate relationships between
participation, social capital and empowerment. The two variables, participation and social capital transgressed to empowerment ($R^2 = .207$, and adjusted $R^2 = .201$. While the Sobel mediation test shows that participation has significant effect on empowerment through social capital ($z = 4.115, p = 0.000$). The study recommended that, the subsequent study may emphasize on young age group of 20-35years, among the women user groups (WUGs).
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Tujuan utama kajian ini ialah untuk menerangkan proses penyertaan ahli Kumpulan Pengguna Fadama, komuniti Kankara mengenai modal sosial dan pendayaupayaan. Aktiviti Fadama adalah satu projek yang dimulakan oleh komuniti tempatan, disokong oleh kerajaan Nigeria dan beberapa Pertubuhan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO) bertujuan mendayaupakan ahli Kumpulan Pengguna Fadama (FUGs). Projek ini memberi tumpuan terutamanya kepada pembasmian kemiskinan dan peningkatan kualiti hidup komuniti luar bandar. Objektif kajian adalah: untuk memerihalkan tahap penyertaan, modal sosial dan pendayaupayaan; untuk mengenal pasti perbezaan dalam penyertaan, modal sosial dan pendayaupayaan berdasarkan umur, jantina, tahap pendidikan dan tahap pendapatan; untuk menentukan hubungan penyertaan, modal sosial dan pendayaupayaan; dan untuk menentukan peramal unik untuk pendayaupayaan. Akhir sekali, kajian ini menentukan kesan pengantara modal sosial dalam hubungan antara penyertaan dan pendayaupayaan.

Korelasi Pearson menunjukkan terdapat hubungan signifikan yang sederhana antara penyertaan, modal sosial dan pendayaupayaan. Kedua-dua pembolehubah, penyertaan dan modal sosial yang ketara untuk pendayaupayaan ($R^2 = 0,207$, dan diselaraskan $R^2 = 0,201$. Ujian Sobel menunjukkan bahawa penyertaan mempunyai kesan yang besar ke atas pendayaupayaan melalui modal sosial ($z = 4,115$, $p = 0.000$). Kajian ini mencadangkan agar kajian seterusnya boleh memberi penekanan kepada kumpulan umur muda 20-35years, dalam kalangan pengguna wanita kumpulan Fadama.
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