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**The Impact of Educated Women on Economic Development in Yumbe District**

The study was conducted from May to July 2010. It aimed at finding out the impact of educated women on economic development in Yumbe district. The specific objectives were: - To establish the contribution of educated women to economic development in Yumbe district, to identify the appropriate type/level of education attained by women in Yumbe district for economic development and to find out factors that affected the contribution of educated women on economic development in Yumbe district. The researcher used various tools to gather information from different categories of respondents. The tools used were; questionnaires, group discussion guides, nominal discussion guide, observation and documentary review. Information was sought from educated women, women groups, men married to educated women, district officials and women who carried out economic activities individually and smaller groups. The study established that educated women contributed a lot to the economic development of Yumbe district. This mainly involved women who attained informal and non-formal education. However, they faced some challenges that hindered their participation in economic development. For example, inadequate transport facilities to transport their produce to the market, inadequate or unqualified human resources, poor health, lack of committed and strong associations, high level of illiteracy among the women and high level of poverty to mention but a few.

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