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THE IMPARATIVE OF REPOSITIONING NIGERIA'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE THROUGH, AGRIC, THE NEGLECTED PATH

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Globally, agricultural production and its associated technologies, through series of age-long interaction and experimentation, have always been the pivot for rural, urban and general socio-economic development. By implication, at least among the Third World countries that includes Nigeria, agriculture, among other sectors and depending on how it is managed, addresses poverty and unemployment challenges. From antiquity till date, Nigeria has practiced agriculture but yet is face with food insecurity, mounting unemployment, poverty and stagnated development. The challenge to social science prompted this empirical research in Lapai community with the aim of interrogating Nigeria's agricultural practice, issues and prospects towards widening fact based knowledge for enhanced and beneficial agricultural production. The research relied on both quantitative and qualitative methods and generated data from famers in the locality. Among the findings are that systemic forces of exclusive governance and its elements of impunity, waste, and leadership failure, among others, stagnate not only agricultural production but also grow poverty, unemployment and general socio-economic development crisis. Respondents identify government and culture as the sources of the country's failure in agricultural production and related socio-economic problems and also hold the view that realignment of these forces should lead the reconstruction of the country. Respondents view grassroots attention to farmers as key in developing Nigeria. Among the recommendations are strategic inclusiveness of farmers and all stakeholders in agricultural planning and implementation, liberalized extension services to farmers including financing, training and materials like tools and seedlings.

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