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ABSTRACT

This research work was on “internally generated revenue and infrastructural development in the Local Government areas of Akwa Ibom State. The aim of this paper is to evaluate the relationship between the internally regenerate revenue and the provision of water in the select local government areas of Akwa Ibom State. The population of this study is the entire 31 local governments in Akwa Ibom State. The sample size used in the study is 99 respondents. Panel data was extracted from the local governments Audited financial statement for the period of Ten years (2007-2016). The research instrument for data collection was the questionnaire that contained questions that are related to the respondents to choose the one that agree with their opinion. Pearson Product Moment Correlation Co-efficient (PPMC) was used for data analysis. This study fines a significant relationship between internally generated revenue and the provision of water. Expenditure on water significantly influenced internally generated revenue in the local government areas of Akwa Ibom State. The study therefore recommends that the local governments authorities in Akwa Ibom State should use their resources with high sense of prudence, transparency and accountability in incurring expenditure for the development of various sectors of their local government economic so as to enhance their internally generated revenue. This will reduce dependency on statutory allocation from the federation account.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) is the revenue that states and local government generate within the area of its jurisdiction. The sources of internal revenue available to local government includes taxes, fines, fees, licenses earnings and sales, rent on government property, interest and dividend among others. The capacity of a local government to generate revenue internally is a crucial consideration for the creation of a local government. According to Babalola (2009), the provision of public schools, public health centres and public infrastructures requires huge government spending,

especially in the modern time. Also, local incur expenditure for the provision of adequate security, fulfill its commercial functions and administration, but what exist today is that local governments are springing up without giving due consideration to how the local government to be established would be able to sustain themselves. It is important that the local governments work on their internal revenue efforts to be able to accomplish their goals in the local governments.

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