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This study on "Impact of Agricultural Development Programme on the Economy of Imo State, Nigeria, 1999-2015" examines the viable and sustainable impact of agricultural development in Imo State. Over the years, evidence has shown that, the agricultural sector of the economy has been neglected since the discovery of crude oil deposit in Nigeria. In Imo State, aside from her small earnings from crude oil, agriculture has remained the mainstay of its economy. The importance and role of agriculture in both local and international sectors cannot be overemphasised. In the same view, there is a call for acknowledgment on the impact of agricultural development worldwide. Hence, this study becomes imperative in bringing to limelight the effort of government which is geared towards the development of agriculture in Imo State and its impact on the economy of the state. Using both primary and secondary source, this research goes a long way in highlighting roles that the establishment of several agricultural development programmes like in Imo State in the making of her economy and the sustainable growth recorded in the area under study upon the success of this research, there is a call to scholars, well-meaning individual of the society as well as policy makers to accord relevance to agriculture as this research has proven that the advent of ADPs brought about sophistication eventually, the growth of the practice of agriculture and most imminently, the economy of the place involved in it, like the economy of Imo State.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the study Agriculture over the years has played a very vital role in the socio-political formation of many societies. It has been argued that the decision by man to settle down rather than to wander from one place to another was made possible when man realised that crop cultivation was possible. Agriculture has obviously played a major role in the history of man existence. It is appropriate to note that the agricultural sector has been the greatest employer of labour in Nigeria. The reason being that it has been the mainstay of African economy. Thus, people in the Nigerian society have engaged in many forms of agricultural practices ranging from rearing of animals, fishing, cultivation of crops and forest resources, storage preservation, processing and distribution. All this call to mind

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