

Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project Highlights

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP DELIVERED FOR EBSU STAFF AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project (NAPP) organized a workshop for graduate students and staff of Faculty of Agriculture, Ebonyi State University (EBSU), Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Nigeria. The workshop took place on June 26th, 2019. It was hosted by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Management and Extension at EBSU.

issues. On returning to Nigeria for the summer break, the scholar did a “step down session” at EBSU.



NAPP SCHOLAR MAKING A PRESENTATION ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AT WORKSHOP IN EBSU, NIGERIA

PROFESSOR J. O. ALIMBA, THE ADVISOR OF THE NAPP SCHOLAR ADDRESSING THE PARTICIPANTS

Opening remarks at the step down, were made by the Head of the host department, Associate Professor S.U. Nwibo. He expressed satisfaction with the NAPP scholar’s relentless effort in keeping the EBSU flag flying and urged the graduate students to tread this part. Additionally, Professor J. O. Alimba commended the NAPP ideology of “Train One to Train Others” and encouraged the participants to regard the workshop as a golden opportunity. A total of 64 participants (33 males and 31 females, comprising 19 faculty staff and 45 graduate students) attended the workshop.

The workshop, facilitated by a NAPP Scholar (Chukwudi Charles Olumba), was based on NAPP’s ideology of “Train One to Train Others”. The Scholar, during his first semester at Michigan State University (MSU), took a course on Empirical Methods for Field Research in Developing Countries (AFRE 874).

The workshop titled “Research Methodology” was drawn from lectures and lecture notes of Professor Nakasone, delivered at MSU. Each slide addressed core concepts in the research method, including research design and the different identification approaches, theory of change, questionnaire design, sampling techniques, measurement error and methods of addressing sensitive questions.

This course is a popular graduate course offered for advanced Masters and PhD students in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics. It covers the most current (international best practices) micro econometric research methods. These include randomized control trials, propensity score matching, and regression discontinuity. It also provides students with a firm grounding on the key elements of research design, sampling, questionnaire design, data collection and analysis of multi-topic household surveys for international development

Overall, the workshop was interactive. Each slide was well-explained with practical examples which helped to further deepen the participants’ understanding about research. The participants commended NAPP and

promised to employ the knowledge gained in their various research works.



STAFF AND GRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND THE NAPP SCHOLAR

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