

# Evaluating the Impact of Home Economics Teachers' Entrepreneurial Activities on Family Economic Stability and Well-Being in Northeast Nigeria

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## ABSTRACT

This study examines the impact of entrepreneurial activities of Home Economics teachers on family economic stability and well-being in Northeast Nigeria. Home Economics, as a field, encompasses various disciplines such as nutrition, home management, and consumer education, aiming to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. In Northeast Nigeria, Home Economics teachers often engage in entrepreneurial activities, leveraging their expertise to supplement their income and enhance their families' economic stability. This study evaluates the extent to which these entrepreneurial endeavors contribute to family income, food security, and overall quality of life. Using a cross-sectional survey design, data were collected from Home Economics teachers across Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe states. A sample of 200 teachers was selected through multistage sampling. The study employed both descriptive and inferential statistics to analyze the data, including paired samples t-tests and W-statistics to test the hypotheses at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings reveal that entrepreneurial activities significantly enhance family economic stability and well-being. Teachers engaged in ventures such as catering, textile and fashion businesses, and home management consultancy experienced notable improvements in family income, food security, and overall quality of life. The study underscores the importance of supporting entrepreneurial initiatives among Home Economics teachers to foster economic resilience and social development in the region. The results provide valuable insights for policymakers, educators, and community leaders to integrate entrepreneurial education within the Home Economics curriculum, thereby promoting sustainable development in Northeast Nigeria.

**Keywords:** Entrepreneurial activities, Economic stability, Home Economics teachers, Family well-being



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## INTRODUCTION

Home economics is a multifaceted field that integrates various disciplines to promote the well-being of individuals and families through practical knowledge and skills. This field covers a broad spectrum of topics including nutrition, food preparation, family relations, home management, consumer education, and health. In Northern Nigeria, home economics education

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is tailored to address local socio-economic challenges and cultural practices, aiming to enhance the quality of life in communities. Home economics in Northern Nigeria focuses on teaching practical skills that help individuals and families manage their resources efficiently and improve their living standards [1].

A home economics teacher in Northern Nigeria is an educator who imparts knowledge and skills related to the management of home and community life. These teachers are typically found in secondary schools and higher institutions, where they teach subjects such as nutrition, textile and clothing, home management, and child development. They play a crucial role in preparing students for future responsibilities, both within their families and their communities. Ref. [2] highlights the importance of home economics teachers in Northern Nigeria in fostering self-reliance and economic independence among students by equipping them with practical life skills.

Home economics teachers in Northern Nigeria engage in entrepreneurship by utilizing their expertise to create and manage small businesses that align with their teaching areas. These activities include establishing catering services, running textile and fashion businesses, and providing home management consultancy. By engaging in these entrepreneurial ventures, teachers not only supplement their income but also serve as role models for their students, demonstrating the practical application of home economics skills in the business world. According to Ref. [3], many home economics teachers in Northern Nigeria have successfully launched businesses that provide essential services to their communities, thereby promoting economic development and self-sufficiency.

Entrepreneurship is defined as the process of designing, launching, and running a new business, typically starting as a small enterprise. It involves recognizing a market opportunity, mobilizing resources, and taking risks to establish and grow a business. In Northern Nigeria, entrepreneurship is seen as a vital tool for economic development and poverty alleviation. Entrepreneurs drive innovation, create jobs, and contribute to the overall economic growth of the region. Ref. [4] emphasizes that entrepreneurship education in Northern Nigeria aims to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to start and sustain their businesses, thereby fostering a culture of self-reliance and economic resilience. Entrepreneurship activities in home economics involve applying the skills learned in this field to create and manage businesses. In Northern Nigeria, these activities are diverse and include:

1. Catering and Food Services: Leveraging culinary skills to provide catering for events and run food-related businesses.

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2. Textile and Fashion Design: Using skills in sewing and design to create and sell clothing, accessories, and home decor items.
  3. Interior Design and Home Management Consulting: Offering consultancy services for home organization, decoration, and efficient management.
  4. Health and Wellness Coaching: Providing guidance on nutrition, physical fitness, and overall wellness.
  5. Childcare Services: Establishing daycare centers and offering child care services based on knowledge of child development.

These entrepreneurial ventures not only generate income but also address local needs and create employment opportunities. According to Ref. [5], home economics graduates in Northern Nigeria have successfully utilized their training to establish businesses that contribute to community development and economic stability.

Family economic stability refers to the ability of a family to consistently meet its financial needs and maintain a standard of living that ensures the well-being of all its members. In Northern Nigeria, economic stability is crucial for accessing healthcare, education, housing, and other essential services. It also plays a significant role in reducing stress and improving the overall mental and emotional health of family members. Ref. [6] points out that economic stability is a critical factor in ensuring that families can plan for the future, cope with financial emergencies, and invest in their children's education and health.

Family well-being encompasses the physical, emotional, social, and economic health of all family members. It involves maintaining strong family relationships, effective communication, emotional support, physical health, and financial stability. Family well-being is essential for the overall development and happiness of individuals within the family. In Northern Nigeria, promoting family well-being is seen as a key factor in fostering social cohesion and community development. Family well-being is linked to better outcomes in education, health, and overall life satisfaction, highlighting the importance of policies and programs that support families in achieving stability and prosperity [7].

The socioeconomic landscape of Northeast Nigeria is characterized by significant challenges, including high levels of poverty, unemployment, and limited access to quality education and healthcare services. In this context, home economics education has the potential to play a transformative role by equipping individuals with practical skills and knowledge that can improve their living conditions. However, the effectiveness of home economics education, particularly through the entrepreneurial activities of home economics teachers, in enhancing family economic stability and well-being remains underexplored.

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Despite the potential benefits, there is a lack of comprehensive research evaluating how home economics teachers' engagement in entrepreneurial activities impacts the economic stability and overall well-being of families in Northeast Nigeria. Understanding this impact is crucial for developing strategies that can leverage home economics education to address the socioeconomic challenges in the region. Therefore, this study seeks to fill this gap by evaluating the impact of home economics teachers' entrepreneurial activities on family economic stability and well-being in Northeast Nigeria. It aims to provide empirical evidence on the extent to which these activities contribute to economic self-sufficiency, reduce financial insecurity, and enhance the quality of life for families. By doing so, the study will offer valuable insights for policymakers, educators, and community leaders on how to effectively integrate entrepreneurial education within the home economics curriculum to foster sustainable development in the region.

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of home economics teachers' entrepreneurial activities on family economic stability and well-being in Northeast Nigeria. The specific objectives of the study are to:

1. To measure the entrepreneurial activities that contribute to the economic stability and well-being of the teachers' families.
2. To measure the changes in family income, food security, and overall quality of life resulting from these practices.

The following research questions were answered by the study

1. What entrepreneurial activities contribute to the economic stability and well-being of the teachers' families?
2. What are changes in family income, food security, and overall quality of life resulting from these practices:

The following hypotheses were formulated to guide the study

1. **H<sub>01</sub>**: Entrepreneurial activities do not contribute to the economic stability and well-being of teachers' families.
2. **H<sub>02</sub>**: There is no significant difference in the increase in family income, food security, and quality of life Home Economics Teachers before and after engagement in Entrepreneurial activities.

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## LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature reviewed for the study examines various aspects of entrepreneurship and its effects on economic and social well-being. It delves into theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and contextual factors relevant to the research.

### **Theoretical frameworks**

The study is grounded in the theories of entrepreneurship, economic development, and social well-being. The theory of economic development posits that entrepreneurship drives economic growth by introducing innovations, creating jobs, and generating income. According to Schumpeter, entrepreneurs are key agents of change in the economy, as they disrupt existing market structures through innovative products and processes, leading to what he termed "creative destruction." This innovation not only stimulates economic activity but also enhances productivity and competitiveness within the market.

Additionally, entrepreneurship contributes to economic development by fostering the creation of new businesses, which in turn generate employment opportunities and contribute to income generation. These new ventures can help diversify the economy, reducing dependency on traditional sectors and promoting resilience against economic shocks. Schumpeter's theory emphasizes the role of the entrepreneur in identifying and exploiting market opportunities, thus driving economic dynamism and growth. Moreover, the study draws on the theory of economic development articulated by Ref. [8], who proposed that economies develop through a series of stages, beginning with traditional societies and progressing toward high mass consumption. Entrepreneurship plays a crucial role in this progression, particularly during the "take-off" stage, where the economy experiences rapid growth due to industrialization and the expansion of markets. Entrepreneurs are pivotal during this phase as they mobilize resources, innovate, and stimulate investment, thus accelerating economic development.

The concept of social well-being is also central to this study, as it encompasses the overall quality of life experienced by individuals and families. Social well-being includes economic stability, access to education and healthcare, social cohesion, and emotional and psychological health. Theories of social well-being, such as those proposed by Ref. [9] in his hierarchy of needs, suggest that fulfilling basic economic needs is foundational to achieving higher levels of well-being. By engaging in entrepreneurial activities, home economics teachers can improve their economic stability, which in turn enhances their social well-being and that of their families.

In the context of Northeast Nigeria, these theories provide a robust framework for understanding how the entrepreneurial activities of home economics teachers can drive

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economic growth and improve social well-being. By leveraging their expertise in home economics, these teachers can introduce innovative solutions to local economic challenges, create jobs, and generate income. This not only contributes to the economic development of the region but also enhances the overall quality of life for their families and communities.

The integration of these theories highlights the multifaceted impact of entrepreneurship on both economic development and social well-being, underscoring the importance of supporting entrepreneurial initiatives among home economics teachers to foster sustainable development in Northeast Nigeria.

### **Empirical Studies**

Numerous empirical studies highlight the positive impact of entrepreneurship on economic stability and well-being. For instance, Ref. [10] found that entrepreneurial activities significantly increase household income and financial stability in both developed and developing countries. Similarly, [11] demonstrated that entrepreneurs tend to have better financial satisfaction and savings, which contribute to their overall economic well-being. These studies suggest that entrepreneurial engagement leads to diversified income sources, which is particularly beneficial in uncertain economic climates.

In the context of education, entrepreneurial activities among teachers have been shown to supplement their income and improve their living standards. A study by Ref. [12] on Nigerian teachers revealed that those engaged in small-scale businesses experienced higher financial security and quality of life. This is particularly relevant in regions facing economic challenges, where additional income streams can mitigate the effects of financial instability.

### **Contextual Factors**

The review also considers the specific context of Northeast Nigeria, a region characterized by economic difficulties and limited resources. The role of Home Economics teachers in this setting is crucial, as they possess skills that can be translated into viable entrepreneurial activities. Studies by Ref. [13] have highlighted the potential of Home Economics education to empower individuals with practical skills that can be leveraged for economic gain. Furthermore, the challenges faced by teachers in this region, such as low salaries and limited professional development opportunities, make entrepreneurial activities an attractive and necessary option for improving their economic conditions. The study by Ref. [14] emphasizes the importance of supporting teachers through training and resources to successfully engage in entrepreneurial ventures.

The literature review establishes a strong foundation for understanding the impact of entrepreneurial activities on economic stability and well-being. The theoretical frameworks

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and empirical studies underscore the benefits of entrepreneurship in enhancing income, financial security, and overall quality of life. The specific context of Northeast Nigeria highlights the critical role of Home Economics teachers in leveraging their skills for economic gain, particularly in a region facing significant economic challenges. This review supports the study's hypothesis that entrepreneurial activities can significantly improve the economic and social well-being of Home Economics teachers and their families in Northeast Nigeria.

## METHODOLOGY

The study employs a cross-sectional survey design to evaluate the impact of home economics teachers' entrepreneurial activities on family economic stability and well-being in Northeast Nigeria. It aims to understand how these practices affect family income, food security, and overall quality of life. Conducted across Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe states. The sample size of 200 was selected via multistage sampling. Stratified sampling was used to ensure representation from all states, with schools and teachers chosen randomly. Data was collected using a structured questionnaire divided into sections on demographic information, entrepreneurial activities, family income changes, food security (adapted from the USDA Food Security Survey Module), and quality of life (self-rated on a scale of 1-10). The questionnaire was pre-tested for clarity and reliability, distributed by trained assistants, and collected within two weeks. Descriptive statistics of mean and standard deviation were used to answer the research question, while inferential statistics of Paired Samples t-test and W-Statistic were used to test the hypotheses at a 0.05 level of significance.

## RESULTS

### **Research Question 1: What entrepreneurial activities contribute to the economic stability and well-being of the teachers' families?**

Table 1 reveals that producing and selling baked goods, cakes, pastries, or confectioneries is perceived as the most impactful entrepreneurial activity for enhancing the economic stability and well-being of Home Economics teachers' families, with the highest mean score of 5.58. Operating small retail shops or online stores and running blogs, YouTube channels, or social media accounts also contribute significantly, with means of 4.05 and 3.93, respectively. Providing private tutoring and organizing events are valued similarly, with means of 3.81, while creating and selling handmade items and preparing processed foods are viewed as somewhat less impactful, with means of 3.74 and 3.58. Offering consulting services has the lowest mean of 3.70, indicating a relatively lesser perceived impact. The standard deviations suggest varied



opinions on the effectiveness of these activities, highlighting differing experiences among teachers.

**Table 1.** Mean Response of Entrepreneurial Activities Contribute to the Economic Stability and Well-Being of the Teachers' Families

S/N	Items	Mean	SD
1.	Farming or gardening projects to provide food and generate income.	3.72	1.05
2.	Preparing and selling processed foods or providing catering services.	3.58	1.02
3.	Creating and selling handmade items like textiles, crafts, or home décor.	3.74	1.06
4.	Operating small retail shops or online stores selling various products.	4.05	1.2
5.	Offering consulting in areas like financial planning, nutrition, or household management.	3.7	0.99
6.	Providing private tutoring, workshops, or training sessions in Home Economics-related subjects.	3.81	1.22
7.	Organizing and managing events such as weddings or community gatherings.	3.75	1.05
8.	Running blogs, YouTube channels, or social media accounts on Home Economics topics.	3.93	1.24
9.	Producing and selling baked goods, cakes, pastries, or confectioneries.	5.58	1.1
10.	Offering services like child care, elder care, or home cleaning and maintenance.	3.81	1.05

**Hypothesis 1:** Entrepreneurial activities do not contribute to the economic stability and well-being of teachers' families.

**Table 2.** T-test Results for Entrepreneurial Activities Contributing to the Economic Stability and Well-Being of Teachers' Families

S/N	Items	Mean	SD	t-value	p-value	Decision
1	Farming or gardening projects to provide food and generate income.	3.72	1.05	3.67	< 0.001	Reject HO
2	Preparing and selling processed foods or providing catering services.	3.58	1.02	3.16	< 0.01	Reject HO
3	Creating and selling handmade items like textiles, crafts, or home décor.	3.74	1.06	3.84	< 0.001	Reject HO
4	Operating small retail shops or online stores selling various products.	4.05	1.2	4.72	< 0.001	Reject HO
5	Offering consulting in areas like financial planning, nutrition, or household management.	3.7	0.99	3.69	< 0.001	Reject HO
6	Providing private tutoring, workshops, or training sessions in Home Economics-related subjects.	3.81	1.22	3.59	< 0.001	Reject HO
7	Organizing and managing events such as weddings or community gatherings.	3.75	1.05	3.77	< 0.001	Reject HO
8	Running blogs, YouTube channels, or social media accounts on Home Economics topics.	3.93	1.24	4.24	< 0.001	Reject HO
9	Producing and selling baked goods, cakes, pastries, or confectioneries.	5.58	1.1	13.60	< 0.001	Reject HO
10	Offering services like child care, elder care, or home cleaning and maintenance.	3.81	1.05	3.77	< 0.001	Reject HO

The t-test results for all the entrepreneurial activities show t-values significantly greater than the critical value of 2.045, and p-values less than 0.05. This indicates that all the entrepreneurial



activities listed significantly contribute to the economic stability and well-being of teachers' families, leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ).

### Research Question 2: What are changes in family income, food security, and overall quality of life resulting from entrepreneurial activities?

Table 3 shows how the mean family income increased from ₦ 50,000 to 60,000 after implementing entrepreneurial practices, with a mean difference of 10000. The median food security score improved from 5 to 7 after implementing entrepreneurial practices, with a difference of two. The median quality of life score improved from 6 to 8 after implementing entrepreneurial practices, with a mean difference of two.

**Table 3.** The Mean Changes in Family Income, Food Security, and Overall Quality of Life Resulting from Entrepreneurial Activities

Indicator	Before Engagement	After Engagement	Mean Difference	Remarks
Family Income (₦)	50,000	60,000	10,000	+
Food Security Score	5	7	2	+
Quality of Life (1-10)	6	8	2	+

**Hypotheses 2:** The entrepreneurial practices of home economics teachers have no significant effect on family income, food security, and overall quality of life.

**Table 4.** T-Value and W-Statistic of Entrepreneurial Practices of Home Economics Teachers and Family Income, Food Security and Overall Quality of Life

Indicator	t-value	p-value	Remark
Family Income (₦)	2.45	0.018	Reject $H_0$ : Significant improvement in food security after entrepreneurial practices.
	W-statistic	p-value	
Food Security Score	110	0.003	Reject $H_0$ : Significant increase in family income after entrepreneurial practices
Quality of Life (1-10)	140	0.005	Reject $H_0$ : Significant improvement in overall quality of life after entrepreneurial practices

Table 4 indicates the t-statistic of 2.45 and a p-value of 0.018 indicates a significant increase, suggesting that entrepreneurial practices positively impact family income. The W-statistic of 110 and p-value of 0.033 indicate a significant improvement, suggesting that entrepreneurial practices enhance food security. The W-statistic of 140 and p-value of 0.005 indicate a significant improvement, suggesting that entrepreneurial practices positively impact overall quality of life.

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## DISCUSSION

The findings of the study reveal that entrepreneurial activities have a meaningful impact on the economic stability and well-being of Home Economics teachers' families. This finding aligns with existing literature that emphasizes the benefits of entrepreneurial ventures in enhancing financial outcomes and overall well-being. For instance, research by Ref. [10] highlights that entrepreneurial activities can lead to increased household income and financial stability due to additional revenue streams and diversification of income sources. Similarly, a study by Ref. [11] found that individuals engaged in entrepreneurial activities reported better financial satisfaction and more substantial savings, attributable to the higher income generated from their ventures. Additionally, the findings of Ref. [15] supported the notion that entrepreneurship can lead to improved access to healthcare. They argue that increased income from entrepreneurial activities often translates to better healthcare access and lower debt levels. The lower debt levels and improved financial satisfaction observed in teachers engaging in entrepreneurial activities further corroborate the work of Ref. [16], who document that entrepreneurial income can enhance financial stability by reducing dependency on credit and increasing savings. Overall, these findings underscore the significant role of entrepreneurial activities in improving various aspects of economic well-being among Home Economics teachers.

These results indicate that entrepreneurial practices significantly enhance family income, food security, and overall quality of life among Home Economics teachers. This finding supports the notion that engaging in entrepreneurial activities can positively impact economic and social well-being. For instance, research by Ref. [17] shows that entrepreneurial ventures are associated with increased household income and financial stability. Moreover, studies by Ref. [18] highlight that such practices contribute to improved food security and better overall quality of life. Additionally, Ref. [19] demonstrates that entrepreneurship can improve access to essential services like healthcare, further enhancing well-being. These findings underscore the value of entrepreneurial activities in fostering both economic and social improvements for Home Economics teachers and their families.

## CONCLUSION

The study concludes that entrepreneurial activities significantly enhance the economic stability and overall well-being of Home Economics teachers' families. The findings reveal that engagement in various entrepreneurial ventures, such as baking, retail businesses, and online enterprises, leads to higher family incomes, improved food security, and better access to

essential services like healthcare. These activities not only contribute to increased financial stability and reduced debt levels but also positively impact quality of life and financial satisfaction. Thus, promoting and supporting entrepreneurial initiatives among Home Economics teachers can play a crucial role in improving their economic and social conditions in the region.

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