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## Abstract

This is a Study of the Influence of NGOs in the control of early marriage in Borno State. The study specifically examined the nature of programmes being implemented by the NGOs to address early marriage; the extent to which early marriage happens in Borno State; the influence of the NGOs programmes on the fight against early marriage and the challenges faced by the NGOs in their interventions programme towards early marriage and gender-based violence in Borno State for the period of 2018 to 2022. The study investigates the influence of NGOs intervention programmes for combating early marriage in Borno State by the use of both quantitative and qualitative data in analysis to get in-depth evaluation of the NGOs interventions programmes particularly in Borno State where there was no exact study on this topic in Borno State. The evaluative study design was adopted with questionnaire and interview as the research instrument used to collect our data. The population for this study consisted of all the registered NGOs carrying out intervention programmes for combating early marriage and gender-based violence in Borno State. The researcher utilized the purposive- sampling techniques in sampling a total of 80 respondents 20 each from 4 NGOs. The descriptive statistics such as frequency distribution tables, chart, percentage and 4 scale criteria mean of 2.5 were used for the research questions analysis with the aid of SPSS package. The criterion means scores of 3.13, 3.12, 3.16 and 2.74 which are above the 2.5 criterion mean cut off; as well as the content analysis result of the interview presented in the flowchart led to the acceptance of the position of the respondents that multisectoral programme approach, promoting gender equality, community interventions and media interventions programmes function well in the fight against sexual, emotional and psychological, physical and socio-economic violence. The result also showed that while early marriage is prevalence in Borno state, the intervention programmes have been checkmating it to a reasonable extent despite the observed challenges. There should be a deliberate support from government, donor agencies and other stakeholder so as to enhance improvement in the nature of programmes being implemented by the NGOs to cub early marriage.

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## List of Acronyms

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
CLI	Community Leaders' Interview
GBV	Gender Based Violence
INEM	Influence of NGOs on Early Marriage in Borno State
NAPTIP	National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
PI	Parents' Interview
RLI	Religious Leaders' Interview
UNICEF	United Nations Children Education Fund
VVF	Vessico Virginal Fistula
WHO	World Health Organisation

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