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**ROLE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING EDUCATION IN PROMOTING  
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT OPPORUNITIES IN LAGOS STATE  
NIGERIA**

**Abstract:**

The present political dispensation in Nigeria requires that women should contribute to decision making in government. According to the Beijing Conference requirement every country that participated in the conference should reserve 30 percent of positions and office to women, but Nigeria, is yet to have 10 percent of women constitute a key resource whose ideas and ability can help bring about political economic and social transformation. This study therefore investigated the role of vocational training programmes in promoting women empowerment opportunities in Lagos State, Nigeria. The study adopted the survey research design with the population of 150 women who were about to graduate from various vocational training centres established by Lagos State Government. The major instrument used to collect data from the respondents was the questionnaire. Three research questions and one hypothesis were formulated to generate answers while chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) statistical tool 'was used to test the null hypothesis stated for the study at 0.05 level of significance. The major findings of the study were that vocational training for women has helped in raising their economic status and has also given them the opportunity of contributing financially to their families' needs. It was recommended among others that organizers of training programmes for women should include skill training in planning decision making and management of resources in their programmes.

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