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### Abstract

Education is a key factor in human development and social transformation. The problematic of women development in Nigeria traces its roots to the colonial period when education was first dispensed by missionary agencies and the British colonial administration. Missionaries were the first to initiate the development of western education in Nigeria. Government participation first took the form of giving limited financial support to voluntary agencies and gradually developed into the recognition of the Government's responsibility of the Government. The present study is a historical analysis of the evolution of the development of education in Nigeria in relation to the women question it seeks to establish the place of girls' education in the government overall plan for the education of Nigerian youth. The study is to demonstrate the significant economic, social and political implications of government controlled education for women in Nigeria. If women are to contribute to these three key areas of human development, the history of education must be taken into account. The primary source of the study is based on historical documents and archival records.

of annual and periodic reports, programme of education for information and relevant government publications.

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