

**AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY POLICING ON CRIME
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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to analyze the impact of community policing on crime prevention in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State. The purpose was to investigate the effectiveness of community policing in preventing crime and improving public perception of the police. A survey design was employed, and a sample of 400 respondents (members of the public and police officers) was selected using stratified sampling techniques. Data were collected using questionnaires and interview guides. The findings revealed that community policing has been an effective mechanism for crime prevention, although some criminal activities still persist. The study showed that community policing promotes collaboration, problem-solving, and partnership among stakeholders, which in turn contributes to a reduction in crime rates. However, some respondents expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of community policing due to limited police presence and inadequate resources. Based on the findings, it is recommended that community policing be implemented in Ifelodun Local Government Area to promote collaboration, problem-solving, and partnership among stakeholders. Additionally, the police should increase their visibility and resource allocation to enhance the effectiveness of community policing. The study contributes to the understanding of the impact of community policing on crime prevention and provides recommendations for improving public safety in Ifelodun Local Government Area.

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