
**“The Family: A Partner
to Reckon with in
National Development”**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- **BASIC ARGUMENT:** The family can be regarded as the most overlooked institution in our society today, though in actual fact it's the most influential and dependable institution that any nation could rely on in its developmental strategies.

2. THE FAMILY IN PERSPECTIVE

2.1 CONTEXUALITY: A GREAT INFLUENCE ON THE CONCEPT OF THE FAMILY

- What is the Family?
- Modern urban multicultural setting
- African traditional society setting

2.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING A MODERN FAMILY IN AFRICA

- Economic factors
- Electronic and print media
- Social factors
- Education
- technology

3. THE FAMILY AS A PARTNER IN DEVELOPMENT

- A Partnership model
- Partnership as mutuality
- Partnership as interdependence

4. STRATEGIC STEPS: TOWARDS ENGAGING THE FAMILY IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

■ Two important factors

- Recognition
- Protection

■ Practical Suggestions in the Strategic steps

- Combating crime
- Address the HIV/AIDS pandemic
- Job creation

STRATEGIC STEPS (cont....)

■ IMPACT PROGRAMMES

- Education programmes
- Social development programmes
- Recreational programmes
- Occupational programmes
- Transformational impact programmes

5. THE SPIRITUAL VALUES OF THE FAMILY

- **Practical suggestions on how Governments, NGOs, & FBOs could support the spirituality of the Family:**
 - Creation of conducive environment
 - Invest in moral and value impact programmes
 - Enforce laws to protect
 - Addressing degenerating moral standards
 - Invest in infrastructures that has the family in the center
 - Support initiatives that enhances the spirituality of the family