

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

University of Benin, Nigeria

The Centre for Social, Cultural and Environmental Studies of the University of Benin, Nigeria, is a non-profit, academic institution devoted to research and dissemination of information concerning population and other related topics. The Centre which was started during the 1975-1976 Academic year, shall eventually be organized in three main departments :

- (I) Department of Social Studies ;
- (II) Department of Cultural Studies
- (III) Department of Environmental Studies.

Department of Social Studies : The Department of Social Studies shall be engaged in research on all aspects of population studies including Demography, Occupational Structure, Employment and Unemployment.

Department of Cultural Studies : The Department of Cultural Studies shall undertake research into African Music, Dance, Ethnography, History and other facets of Culture. Central to the activities of this department is the cultural centre for the performing arts.

Department of Environmental Studies : The Department of Environmental Studies shall be involved in research relating to man and his environment and this includes Environmental Sanitation and Diseases, Rural and Urban Housing, Social Facilities etc.

At present, the Centre is headed by Professor P.O. Sada, a geographer. There are, in addition, four other full-time research fellows ; a social demographer, two sociologists and a scholar of labour and industrial relations. Seven associate research fellows from various faculties of the University (Medicine, Engineering, Economists, etc.) complete the full list of personnel currently working in the Centre.

Major Research Projects which have been completed and some on-going ones includes the following :

- 1^o) Population, Migration, Employment and living conditions in Benin ;
- 2^o) Some Socio-economic characteristics of attendance of family-planning clinics in Benin City ;
- 3^o) Rural — Urban Migration in Bendel State : A Case study of selected Communities in the State ;
- 4^o) The determinants of In- Migration and the Adjustment of Migrants to Benin, Nigeria ;
- 5^o) Some Factors Influencing the Adoption of Modern Agricultural Practices.

As a forum for reporting findings from the above-named research projects and for discussing related theories and methodology, the Seminar conducts monthly seminars to which the University Community and members of the Government Secretariat are specially invited. In future the Centre will publish these discussions as occasional monographs.