Understanding Stakeholder Participation in Rural Community Projects: Bonsaaso Millennium Villages Project

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“How can we understand stakeholder participation and its significant dimensions in rural project interventions so that sufficiently reproducing it as a development strategy would be based on distinct understanding of its varied interpretations, meaning and value?”
Research Questions

- What historical experiences in participatory development pertain in the communities?
- Who is participating?
- How is participation interpreted by the stakeholders?
- What participatory approaches are being applied?
- What are the motivations for participation?
Methods

- Qualitative Approach: Observations and Interviews
- Naturalistic and Interpretive Constructivist Approaches for Data Collection:
- Grounded Theory for Data Analysis
Conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusion:
- Participation can be interpreted differently by different communities, and understanding the complex social underpinnings and context in which participation occurs is vital for rural development.

Recommendation:
- Promoting vertical and horizontal participation and decision making in project policy and implementation based on clear avenues of ownership cannot be underestimated.
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