

## DETERMINANTS OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN AMBO DISTRICT, OROMIA REGION, ETHIOPIA

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The study was undertaken in Ambo district, Ethiopia, to identify the determinants of youth participation in the community development process because the participation of youth is very low. This study used cross-sectional survey research design. Primary data were collected through semi-structured interview schedule from 132 youth selected using stratified random sampling technique. A binary logistic regression model was employed to identify factors affecting youth participation. Access to information, Training and capacity building, Peer pressure, Parental Influence, Member in the cooperatives, and Employment status were significant factors on the participation of youth. Based on the findings, the following recommendations were made: Adequate information about what is happening in their community should be provided to the youth and public enlightenment programs should be organised from time to time to educate the parents and the communities as a whole on the significance of youth participating in community development process in the society.*

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