

**SEX WORK AS A SURVIVAL STRATEGY AMONG
FEMALE UNDERGRADUATES.
(EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY AS A CASE STUDY)**

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ABSTRACT

The negative implications of sex work in Ekiti-State particularly among undergraduates has become a societal issues that need urgent attention undergraduates sex work as a survival strategic behaviour had been identified to be common in hotels, bars, brothels, in their hostels, around the campus and on the street as avenue for action, (Onah, 2000 This study adopts the descriptive research design by making use of questionnaires in eliciting response on all the variables under investigations and described as they occur in the study. With the purpose of examine the prevalence of sex work behaviour among female undergraduates in EKSU, to investigate the impact of socioeconomic status on sex work behaviour among female undergraduates, this study make use of 150 respondents randomly selected to among undergraduate students in Ekiti State University and five (5) in-depth interview among female students who practiced sex work. This study found out that sex work is common among EKSU undergraduates; it has also identified financial constraint and societal/peers influence on the practice of sex work among female students. The test of relationships between parental/sponsor's financial standing and sex work revealed that there is no significant relationship between them as chi-square ($X^2=3.023$, $P=0.55$) but influence of peer group and financial constraint was identified to be significant to sex work. The university management is therefore advised to ensure disciplines among their staff and remove bad eggs among academia which are encouraging the menace of sex work.

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