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## **AWARENESS CREATION OF THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HEALTH USING IGBO LANGUAGE**

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### **Abstract**

*This paper looks into the importance of creating awareness in rural areas on the effect of climate change on people's health in a language they understand. The effect of climate change on the whole world as it concerns human health and other physical environmental features cannot be overemphasized. The problems it creates are enormous and these affect the health of people. The main objective of this study is to create awareness of the ills of climate change on the health of people using the Igbo Language. This employs a qualitative method of research. The instrument used for data collection is the oral interview. The findings of the study include; that the Igbo people especially those in the rural areas do not know much about climate change and its negative effects. They only see it as a seasonal phenomenon that is traditional, and as such has no negative effect on their health. This is because they do not understand the concept at all. The study concludes that creating awareness using the Igbo language through public health campaigns at the grassroots, television and radio outlets can go a long way in making the Igbo populace understand the negative impacts of climate change on their health. This will in turn reduce the risk of climate change on their health.*

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