

**The Redeemed Christian Church of God Christian Social Responsibility on Healthcare Services to the Poor and Vulnerable and Its Implications for Sustainable Development in Nigeria**

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**Abstract**

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) is one of the leading Pentecostal Churches on the religious landscape of the African continent. The impact of this Church in Nigeria and in other parts of Africa is not limited to Religious development, its impact has been felt through its various social services rendered to the people especially to the poor. One of such services is the intervention on healthcare delivery in Nigeria geared towards helping the poor. There is no doubt that emphasis on divine healing by most of the Pentecostal Churches to which Redeemed Christian Church of God belongs has impacted the lives of the people, shift from healing to pragmatic involvement in providing healthcare services by RCCG which less has been discussed about is a further step to help the poor in seeking healthy living which was also demonstrated by Jesus. Looking at the medical services of the RCCG as one of its social actions demonstrates the fact that the Church is interested in healthy living of the citizens especially among the poor which could drive development. Since it is the believe of the United Nations that good health is essential to sustainable development, it is on this ground this paper seeks to examine various healthcare services of the RCCG to the poor and its implications for national development in Nigeria. Data were gathered through oral interview on various healthcare programmes of the Church to the poor. Data were also subjected to both descriptive and historical analyses.