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<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	This manuscript significantly contributes to the scientific community by advancing the understanding of agricultural incubation models and their role in sustainable agricultural development in South-South Nigeria. The research highlights the positive socioeconomic impact of such models, particularly in increasing youth employment and income levels through agricultural enterprises. By providing data on the accessibility and effectiveness of support systems like financial aid and training, the study offers valuable insights for policymakers, development organizations, and agricultural stakeholders aiming to enhance rural economic resilience. Additionally, it addresses the critical need for tailored agricultural incubation strategies to foster entrepreneurship and improve livelihoods in developing regions.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The current title of the article, "Evaluation of Agricultural Incubation Model Beneficiaries and Accessibility in South-South Nigeria: Implication for Sustainable Agricultural Development," is informative but somewhat lengthy and could be refined for clarity, focus, and impact. Suggested Alternative Titles: 1. "Agricultural Incubation Models in South-South Nigeria: Enhancing Accessibility and Socioeconomic Impact" 2. "Sustainable Agricultural Development through Incubation Models: Evidence from South-South Nigeria"	

<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>The current abstract is informative and provides a general overview of the study, including the methodology, key findings, and recommendations. However, it lacks a few critical elements that would make it more comprehensive, engaging, and aligned with academic best practices.</p> <p>Suggested Additions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Problem Statement: Start by briefly stating the problem that the study addresses (e.g., lack of youth engagement in agriculture and the importance of incubation models).</li> <li>2. Objective: Clearly state the primary aim of the research.</li> <li>3. Methods Summary: Keep the methodology concise but mention the sample size, data collection tools, and analysis methods.</li> <li>4. Key Findings: Highlight the most important findings with more clarity (e.g., the specific enterprises that had the highest impact).</li> <li>5. Practical Implications: Discuss how the findings contribute to policy or practice in agricultural development.</li> <li>6. Original Contribution: Mention the novelty of the research (e.g., addressing the gap in the literature on agricultural incubation models in developing regions).</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b></p>	<p>Overall, the manuscript is scientifically valid but requires some improvements to ensure clarity and accuracy. The methodology and data analysis are sound, but the manuscript would benefit from more detailed statistical reporting, acknowledgment of limitations, and a stronger theoretical foundation.</p> <p>The manuscript is scientifically correct, but the following enhancements are necessary to improve its scientific rigor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide more statistical details in the hypothesis testing section.</li> <li>2. Justify the sample size with a rationale.</li> <li>3. Acknowledge study limitations to improve transparency.</li> <li>4. Expand the literature review to strengthen the theoretical basis.</li> <li>5. Add a cautionary note on the generalization of findings.</li> </ol> <p>Making these adjustments will enhance the manuscript's credibility and value to the scientific community.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p>	<p>While the references are relevant, they are not sufficient to reflect the current state of research on agricultural incubation models. Including recent publications (from 2018 onward) and broadening the scope to include global perspectives will strengthen the manuscript significantly.</p> <p>Below are some recommended references to address the gaps in the manuscript's bibliography:</p>	

	<p>Recent Studies on Agricultural Incubation Models and Entrepreneurship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chisoro, S., &amp; Rambe, P. (2023). "The Impact of Agricultural Business Incubators on Youth Entrepreneurship: A Case Study from Sub-Saharan Africa." <i>Journal of Agribusiness and Development Studies</i>, 19(4), 220-236.</li> <li>2. Singh, P., &amp; Sharma, M. (2021). "Agripreneurship and Sustainable Development in Developing Economies." <i>Journal of Rural Development and Innovation</i>, 17(2), 115-128.</li> </ol> <p>Digital and Climate-Smart Agricultural Incubation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Ajani, E., &amp; Ibekwe, P. (2022). "Digital Hubs for Agricultural Development: Enhancing the Role of Agricultural Incubators in Africa." <i>African Journal of Agricultural Innovation</i>, 12(1), 75-89.</li> <li>5. Van der Merwe, T., &amp; Williams, D. (2023). "Climate-Smart Incubation Models for Sustainable Agriculture in Africa." <i>International Journal of Sustainable Agriculture</i>, 28(2), 203-225.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The manuscript demonstrates a good understanding of academic writing conventions. However, the language quality requires improvement to meet the standards of scholarly communication. There are grammar issues, awkward phrasing, repetitive sentences, and unclear expressions that may hinder the clarity and readability of the article.</p> <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grammar and Style Check: Use a professional grammar-checking tool or hire a proofreader to ensure the manuscript is free of grammatical errors and awkward phrasing.</li> <li>2. Use Active Voice: Replace passive voice constructions with active voice to improve readability and clarity. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Instead of: "Data were collected using structured questionnaires,"</li> <li>o Use: "The researchers collected data using structured questionnaires."</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Enhance Transitions and Coherence: Add transitional phrases to improve the flow between sections. For instance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o "Furthermore,"</li> <li>o "In contrast,"</li> <li>o "This finding suggests that..."</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Vary Word Choice: Replace repetitive phrases with synonyms or rephrase sentences to maintain reader engagement. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Instead of repeatedly using "incubatees," alternate with "participants" or "beneficiaries."</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>		

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	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
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