



Water Scarcity and Conflict Dynamics in Niger: An Ethnographic Exploration of Nile Basin Interactions

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Abstract

Water scarcity is a critical issue in Niger, particularly within the context of the Nile Basin interactions. The Niger River and its tributaries are vital for agriculture, drinking water supply, and economic activities. Ethnographic methods were employed, including participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and focus group discussions. These methodologies allowed for the collection of detailed insights into local perceptions and practices related to water management and conflict resolution. Participants highlighted significant variations in water access across different communities within Niger, with some experiencing severe scarcity while others faced moderate challenges. This disparity influenced their coping strategies and willingness to engage in collective action against perceived threats. The findings underscore the importance of understanding local contexts when addressing water-related conflicts. They suggest that tailored interventions based on community-specific needs could enhance conflict mitigation efforts. Recommendations include developing contextually appropriate policies, fostering inter-community dialogues, and integrating traditional knowledge systems in water management strategies to address disparities effectively.

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