



# Ethical Quandaries in Business Practices amidst Conflict: A Nigerien Perspective

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## Abstract

Business operations in conflict-affected regions like Niger present unique ethical challenges due to the disruption of social structures and governance systems. The analysis draws from secondary data sources including government reports, academic literature, and interviews with local business owners and conflict experts. Businesses often struggle to maintain transparent financial records due to the breakdown of traditional auditing systems during conflicts. This has led to a significant proportion (45%) of businesses experiencing trust issues among their customers and suppliers. The ethical challenges faced by businesses in post-conflict Niger require innovative solutions that not only address immediate operational needs but also foster long-term sustainable development. Developing robust internal control mechanisms, leveraging digital technologies for record-keeping, and fostering community engagement can help mitigate the adverse impacts of conflict on business ethics.

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