



Human Rights Violations in Resource Extraction Projects in Nigeria: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Resource extraction projects in Nigeria have been associated with significant human rights violations, highlighting the need for policy intervention to mitigate these impacts. The analysis employs a critical review of existing laws and regulations related to resource extraction and human rights protection. Stakeholder perspectives are also considered through interviews with affected communities and industry representatives. Human rights violations such as forced displacement, environmental degradation, and labour exploitation have occurred in various regions, affecting predominantly indigenous populations and leading to significant socio-economic disruptions. Current legal frameworks inadequately address the human rights dimensions of resource extraction, necessitating a comprehensive review and reform to ensure compliance with international standards. Policies should include stricter enforcement mechanisms for existing laws, enhanced community participation in decision-making processes related to resource projects, and improved compensation schemes for affected individuals.

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