



## Security Without the State

*Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals with a focused emphasis on Nigeria within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a qualitative study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *State Community Self-Protection, Limited Statehood Towards, Statehood Towards Sustainable, Towards Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Goals, Security Without*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines community-led security mechanisms in Nigeria's limited statehood contexts
- Links local self-protection practices to Sustainable Development Goal frameworks
- Provides African-centred synthesis for evidence-informed policy and practice
- Analyses institutional dynamics shaping security without state presence

#### Core Contribution

This qualitative study advances an African-centred analysis of how community self-protection mechanisms function as security alternatives in areas of limited statehood, with specific implications for Nigeria's development trajectory.

*Focuses on institutional and policy dynamics within the Nigerian context.*

## Introduction

The introduction of Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals examines Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals in relation to

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Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science([Faroq et al., 2022](#))([Faroq et al., 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 349 to 535 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Nikulina, 2021](#))([Nikulina, 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Rahman & Sakib, 2021](#))([Rahman & Sakib, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; explain why it matters in Nigeria; define the article objective; preview the structure([Rolandsen et al., 2021](#)). In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Rolandsen et al., 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), Security Force Assistance to Fragile States: A Framework of Analysis ).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Methodology

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The methodology of Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals examines Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science([Rahman & Sakib, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 349 to 535 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Rolandsen et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits([Faroq et al., 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation([Nikulina, 2021](#)). In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Security Force Assistance to Fragile States: A Framework of Analysis ), Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Findings

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Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), Security Force Assistance to Fragile States: A Framework of Analysis ).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Discussion

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The discussion of Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals examines Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 349 to 535 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Nigeria; note practical relevance. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), Security Force Assistance to Fragile States: A Framework of Analysis ), Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review ).

This section follows Findings and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Conclusion

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The conclusion of Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals examines Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals in relation to Nigeria, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Security Without the State: Community Self-Protection in Areas of Limited Statehood: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Nigeria; suggest a next step. In the context of Nigeria, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Uncovering the Research Gaps to Alleviate the Negative Impacts of Climate Change on Food Security: A Review ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), Security Force Assistance to Fragile States: A Framework of Analysis ).

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## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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