



# EFFECT OF COMMUNAL CONFLICTS FROM FARM LAND USE IN CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA

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## INTRODUCTION

- Land is considered as the most important community asset and is passed down from one generation to another.
- People therefore go all out to defend the territorial integrity of their communities irrespective of the consequences.
- Land disputes have been found to be more devastating than HIV/AIDS, and Malaria and Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs)
- This paper examined the incidence of communal clashes as a result of disputes over farm land use with its effect and how this can be minimized.

## METHODOLOGY

This study was carried out in Cross River State, Nigeria. The state is located in the in the south eastern part of Nigeria and borders the Republic of Cameroon on the east, Ebonyi State to the west, Benue State to the north and Akwa Ibom State to the south. This state was selected because in the last 15 years we have had a lot of incidence of communal clashes with its attendant woes. Information was gathered through interviews with community members and leaders



## EFFECTS OF LAND DISPUTES

- Land in dispute is never cultivated thereby reducing total land cultivated
- Destruction always goes beyond the disputed land to other community property and even human lives
- Consequences is always hunger, displacement of people, loss of lives and property



## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Boundaries should always be well kept and maintained
- Community leaders should always explore the peaceful means to resolving conflicts
- Response mechanism should be more effective to prevent escalation of conflicts



**CONCLUSION:** The incidence of conflict has been established to have a direct negative effect on food security, security of lives and property. The incidence of communal conflict can be very devastating and all efforts must be made to stop its occurrence.

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