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## Large-Scale Land Investments and Employment Nexus in Nigeria

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### Abstract

Despite the rising speculation of the consequences of Large-scale Land Investments (LLIs) in African countries, the relevant empirical evidences to evaluate their implications on the households in the host communities remain scarce. Given the above facts, this study provides new empirical insights on the implications of LLIs on the households in the communities with LLIs in comparison with those in communities without LLIs. The choice of Nigeria is based on the fact that it is among the top 20 LLIs recipients globally, and among the top 10 in Africa. Furthermore, Nigeria is among the few countries in Africa with nationally representative data like the Living Standards Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture (LSMS-ISA) that have relevant information on communities, households and agricultural activities, and which are essential for empirically analysing the relationships that are considered in the study. Much of the literature on the effects of LLIs are either qualitative case studies or investigate the impact of deals known to have been associated with considerable displacement of segments of the populations that only held customary land rights. There few are studies which use quantitative methods while other studies are qualitative or reports on the welfare effects of LLIs, from which different conclusions are drawn. From the foregoing, there is the need to blend both quantitative and qualitative analyses in a comparative mode to tease out the effects of LLIs on the households. This is what this study accomplishes with the use of (LSMS-ISA data and qualitative data from the field in comparing communities with LLIs with communities without LLIs.

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