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Title: The Impact of Boko Haram religious group Uprising and ethnic Conflict on Economic Development of Nigeria.



This paper investigates the impact of the Boko Haram religious group uprising and ethnic conflict on economic development of Nigeria. While these conflicts are restricted to certain areas of the country, the economic impact is widespread. I use infant and child mortality indicator, foreign direct investment (FDI) and the internally generated revenue (IGR) of the various states in Nigeria to highlight the adverse economic and social impact of these conflicts on Nigeria's economy. I employ both descriptive statistics and multivariate regression on data from Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) of 2013 to show the effects of these conflicts on the economic development of Nigeria. I also utilize data from National Bureau of Statistics Nigeria for data on FDI and IGR. This is the first time to my knowledge that a study has sort to understand the economic impact of Boko Haram religious group uprising and ethnic conflict on economic development of Nigeria. My study finds statistically significant correlation with infant and child mortality, FDI, and internally generated revenue of the states where these conflicts occur. I show that states in Nigeria where Boko Haram religious group uprising, and ethnic conflict exist have lower internally generated revenues and higher infant and child mortality than the distant states from the conflicts. However, the neighboring states are also affected albeit less. Two or more different administrations have not been able to resolve this conflict that began in 2009. What is evident is that a new approach is needed to manage or resolve these conflicts in Nigeria. The government of Nigeria needs to address this conflict for Nigeria to have stable and sustainable economic growth and development.

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