

Country/entity	Nigeria
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Joint communique by the chairs of the ten (10) communities to resolve the farmer-herder conflict in Benue State
Date	26 Mar 2020
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Nigeria - local agreements
Parties	Inter-communal communique issued by the chairs of ten communities in Benue state described as part of a mediation process.
Third parties	The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue are listed as Facilitating the joint statement.
Description	-

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, Preamble, ... TO RESOLVE THE FARMER-HERDER CONFLICT IN BENUE STATE ON UPHOLDING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE DURING AND BEYOND... General reference - the agreement generally speaks to conflict between farmers and herders and therefore some of the provisions address the assurance of allowing access of resource to herders so this could be considered as a cross reference to pastoralist/nomadism rights.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2, 8. That the Federal and Benue State Governments should urgently assuage the situation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in view of the COVID-19 pandemic
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 2, 7. That the Government, political parties and the members of our communities should always ensure fair and equitable representation during the political process which follows the principles and guidelines of the Electoral Act
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
Page 2, 8. That the Federal and Benue State Governments should urgently assuage the situation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Page 2, 3. ... fully comply with government directives and restrictions aimed at safeguarding our communities against the pandemic

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission Page 2, 7. That the Government, political parties and the members of our communities should always ensure fair and equitable representation during the political process which follows the principles and guidelines of the Electoral Act

Note - (The Electoral Act sets out and specifies the powers of the Independent National Electoral Commission. See references in Implementation).

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, 3. That we shall individually and collectively, deliver life-saving information and materials, where available, to hard-to-reach populations within our communities

Page 2, 4. ... will continue to ensure access to our communities by HD, other peacebuilding organizations and medical organizations

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person
Page 1, Preamble, ... In our determination and collective resolve to restate our deep concern for peace, security and safety of all persons

Socio-economic rights Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Health
Page 1, Preamble, ... our belief as partners of HD in its Response Initiative, which focuses on the promotion and sharing lifesaving information with hard-to-reach populations, facilitate access to medical care

Page 2, 3. That we shall individually and collectively, deliver life-saving information and materials, where available, to hard-to-reach populations within our communities and fully comply with government directives and restrictions aimed at safeguarding our communities against the pandemic

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other

Page 1, Preamble, ... Take cognizance of the disturbing misleading information on the COVID-19 (mainly abuse of liquor as a means of prevention to the COVID-19); poor sensitization of the pandemic at the grass roots and the social distancing affecting the cultural norms and beliefs

Page 1, Preamble, ... In our determination and collective resolve to restate our deep concern for peace, security and safety of all persons, and our belief as partners of HD in its Response Initiative, which focuses on the promotion and sharing lifesaving information with hard-to-reach populations

Page 1, 1. That communities with shared human community shall, during the period of COVID-19 pandemic, and even beyond, seek to maintain peaceful coexistence by observing and disseminating basic health knowledge that prevents the spread of corona virus within and beyond our communities

Page 2, 2. ... Such assistance includes sharing of vital and necessary information for preventive and curative measures against the corona virus in our shared communities and the adherence to healthy practices;

3. That we shall individually and collectively, deliver life-saving information and materials, where available, to hard-to-reach populations within our communities and fully comply with government directives and restrictions aimed at safeguarding our communities against the pandemic;

4. To use this occasion in declaring that none of us shall do or say anything, during the period of COVID-19 and beyond, that will endanger the health of Benue communities and those of other communities in Nigeria

Mobility/access

Page 2, 4. ... will continue to ensure access to our communities by HD, other peacebuilding organizations and medical organizations

Protection measures

No specific mention.

Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI

No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions

No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
Page 2, 4. ... will continue to ensure access to our communities by HD, other peacebuilding organizations and medical organizations

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights Page 1, In our determination and collective resolve to restate our deep concern for peace, security and safety of all persons, and our belief as partners of HD in its Response Initiative, which focuses on the promotion and sharing lifesaving information with hard-to-reach populations, facilitate access to medical care

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible
Page 1, Preamble, ... poor sensitization of the pandemic at the grass roots and the social distancing affecting the cultural norms and beliefs

Environment Page 1, Preamble, TO RESOLVE THE FARMER-HERDER CONFLICT IN BENUE STATE ON UPHOLDING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE DURING AND BEYOND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

page 1, ... resolve the farmer-herder conflict in Benue State, upon the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO), that the Corona Disease (COVID-19) is a global pandemic...

Page 1, ... Take cognizance of the disturbing misleading information on the COVID-19 (mainly abuse of liquor as a means of prevention to the COVID-19)

Page 1, ... That we, support the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's 23rd March 2020 call for an immediate global ceasefire on all hostilities in all conflicts of the world, in order to collectively fight against COVID-19

Page 1, We hereby resolve and affirm as follows;

1. That communities with shared human community shall, during the period of ' COVID-19 pandemic, and even beyond, seek to maintain peaceful coexistence by observing and disseminating basic health knowledge that prevents the spread of' corona virus within and beyond our communities;

2. To utilize this period of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic to restate our combined resolve to shun issues that may cause conflict and undertake to assist each other to overcome the fears and anxieties that come with apprehensions of the Corona virus. Such assistance includes sharing of vital and necessary information for preventive and curative measures against the corona virus in our shared communities and the adherence to healthy practices

Page 2, 3. ... fully comply with government directives and restrictions aimed at safeguarding our communities against the pandemic

4. To use this occasion in declaring that none of us shall do or say anything, during the period of COVID-19 and beyond, that will endanger the health of Benue communities and those of other communities in Nigeria, and will continue to ensure access to our communities by HD, other peacebuilding organizations and medical organizations;

5. That we will at this period, where humanity shares the risks and agony of the outbreak of the pandemic, collectively reflect on how to maintain peaceful coexistence and seek peaceful means of resolving our differences, while bearing in mind our shared humanity

Page 2, 8. That the Federal and Benue State Governments should urgently assuage the situation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in view of the COVID-19 pandemic

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	Page 2, 6. Improve on the evolving issues to expose criminal members of our communities for the peace of the general society
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	Page 2, 6. Improve on the evolving issues to expose criminal members of our communities for the peace of the general society
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.

Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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