

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

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">NG_200326_Joint communique by the chairs of the ten (10) communities to resolve the farmer-herder conflict in Benue State.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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#### Groups

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

<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	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.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	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
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.

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## State definition

<b>Nature of state (general)</b>	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
<b>State configuration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Self determination</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Referendum</b>	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.

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## **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.

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## **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

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

<b>Media and communication</b>	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
<b>Mobility/access</b>	Page 2, 4. ... will continue to ensure access to our communities by HD, other peacebuilding organizations and medical organizations
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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

<b>Cultural heritage</b>	<p>Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble, ... poor sensitization of the pandemic at the grass roots and the social distancing affecting the cultural norms and beliefs</p>
<b>Environment</b>	<p>Page 1, Preamble, TO RESOLVE THE FARMER-HERDER CONFLICT IN BENUE STATE ON UPHOLDING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE DURING AND BEYOND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC</p> <p>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...</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Page 1, We hereby resolve and affirm as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> </ol> <p>Page 2, 3. ... fully comply with government directives and restrictions aimed at safeguarding our communities against the pandemic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> </ol> <p>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</p>
<b>Water or riparian rights or access</b>	No specific mention.

## **Security sector**

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

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## **Transitional justice**

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



<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
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