Impacts of Illicit Trade on Achieving the SDG’s: The Nigerian Perspective

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NIGERIA IN FOCUS

• **Land Mass**: 923,763 km²
• **Neighbours**: Benin, Niger, Chad, Cameroun, Equatorial Guinea.
• **Population**: 200 million
Illicit Trade: The figures are staggering

- Economic Leakage: USD 2.3tr
- Illicit flows from crime: USD 2.2tr
- Loss from counterfeit goods: USD 200b
- Forced Labour: USD 150b
- Smuggling: USD 500b
- Illicit Arms: USD 95b
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- Negative impact on resource mobilisation
- Loss of government revenue
- Crowding out of legitimate businesses
- Illicit actors taken over government machineries
Illicit Trade in Arms and Ammunition

- The AU identify trafficking of arms and ammunition as the main type of illicit trade in Africa.
- Millions of small arms and light weapons traded illegally, finding their way to Nigeria through the Sahel.
- The weapons are not manufactured in Africa, not imported by any state agent.
- Wrecking havoc and preventing the achievement of SDGs.
Effect of Illicit Trade in Arms

30 million in sub-Saharan Africa and eight million in West Africa

60% of these came through illicit trade, in the hands of non-state actors, fuelling insurgency in N.E.

SDG1, 2, 3 & 4: Poverty, Hunger, Health and Education
Illicit Trade in Commodities: Rice, Vehicles...

Over 2m tonnes of rice smuggled into Nigeria yearly.
Illicit Trade in Vegetable oil, Poultry e.t.c

Goods like vegetable oil, frozen poultry also traded illegally
Illicit Trade in Natural Resources: Crude oil

300,000 bpd lost daily
Costing more than USD 5.5b yearly

Refined petroleum smuggled out of Nigeria to Neighbouring countries
Effects of Illicit Trade in Oil

Environmental degradation SDG13,15
Clean Energy, water /Sanitation SDG6&7

Massive loss of government revenue
Degraded Infrastructure/schools SDG 9
Illicit Trade: Human Trafficking

Every years, thousands of Nigerian girls are trafficked to Europe

Thousands more ends up in detention camps in Libya
Human Trafficking & Forced Labour

- Have negative effects on attainment of SDG 5, 8 & 16
- Negative effects at Source/transit and destination countries
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