

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 year, thousands of Nigerian girls are trafficked to Europe



Thousands more end 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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