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**The urban political ecology of flood vulnerability in the core area of Ibadan Metropolis, Nigeria**

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**Abstract**

Many cities in both developing and developed countries are at risk of unequal flood risk and vulnerability. To uncover the root cause of flood risk, focusing on solutions related to physical systems alone without considering political, economic, and social aspects is unlikely to minimize effectively the level of vulnerability. This study examines the root of unequal flood vulnerability in Ibadan Metropolis (Nigeria) through urban political ecology conceptual lens. It provides a new dimension of flood vulnerability analysis, detailing how urban residents in Bere, a traditional urban settlement of Ibadan experience different levels of flood risk. The study employs participatory focus groups with households and interviews with key experts to emphasize the findings from the flood victims. The overall results provide evidence of social inequities and political marginalization. The research demonstrates how socio-political factors play a significant role in shaping the creation of uneven vulnerability to flooding. Series of structural and non-structural strategies, equity and justice in resource management are necessary to build a resilient community.

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