

Analysis of the *Guardian* and *Vanguard* Newspapers' Reportage of Environmentally Displaced Persons in Nigeria

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Abstract

This study was carried out to find out how Environmentally Displaced Persons (EDPs) in Nigerian are reported in *The Guardian* and *Vanguard* newspapers from April to July 2018. The newspapers were purposively selected because they have wide readership and are circulated nationwide. Content analysis research approach was adopted with the major focus on frequency, prominence and subject/contents. The results were analysed using SPSS version 20.0. From the result of the data analysed, only 27 reports on EDPs were obtained from the selected newspapers. Findings also indicate that majority (96%) of the reports appeared mainly inside of the pages of the newspapers. As regards the subject/content on EDPs, flood and other factors such as conflict/violence featured six and 13 times with (22.1%) and (48.1%) respectively. Based on the findings, it is recommended that the Nigerian newspapers should improve their coverage of EDPs so as to call proper attention to the situation and encourage support to remedy the situation.

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