

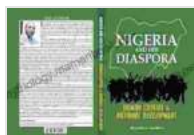
# NIGERIA AND HER DIASPORA (human Capital And National Development)

Nigeria, with a population of over 200 million people, is Africa's most populous nation and the seventh most populous in the world. The country is endowed with abundant natural resources, including oil, gas, and minerals, and has a rapidly growing economy. However, Nigeria faces significant challenges in terms of human capital development.

The Nigerian diaspora is a term used to refer to Nigerians living outside of Nigeria. The diaspora is estimated to be around 17 million people, and it is one of the largest in the world. Nigerians in the diaspora are highly skilled and educated, and they make significant contributions to the economies of their host countries. However, the Nigerian diaspora can also play a key role in the development of Nigeria.

## The Challenge of Human Capital Development in Nigeria

Nigeria has a significant human capital deficit. The country has a high rate of illiteracy, and many Nigerians lack the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in the modern economy. This deficit is a major constraint on Nigeria's economic development.



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There are a number of factors that contribute to the human capital deficit in Nigeria. These include:

- **Poverty:** Poverty is a major barrier to education and skills development. Many Nigerians cannot afford to send their children to school, or to provide them with the resources they need to succeed.
- **Conflict:** Nigeria has been plagued by conflict and violence for many years. This conflict has disrupted education and skills development, and has led to the displacement of millions of people.
- **Weak institutions:** Nigeria's institutions are weak and inefficient. This makes it difficult to provide quality education and skills development programs.

## **The Role of the Nigerian Diaspora in Human Capital Development**

The Nigerian diaspora can play a key role in addressing the human capital deficit in Nigeria. The diaspora has the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to invest in education and skills development in Nigeria.

There are a number of ways that the diaspora can contribute to human capital development in Nigeria. These include:

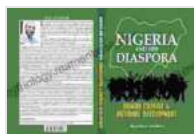
- **Investing in education:** The diaspora can invest in education by providing scholarships, building schools, and supporting educational programs.
- **Providing skills training:** The diaspora can provide skills training by offering workshops, internships, and apprenticeships.
- **Mentoring and networking:** The diaspora can mentor and network with young Nigerians, helping them to develop their skills and careers.

## **The Benefits of Investing in Human Capital Development**

Investing in human capital development has a number of benefits for Nigeria. These benefits include:

- **Increased economic growth:** Human capital development leads to increased economic growth by increasing the productivity of the workforce.
- **Reduced poverty:** Human capital development reduces poverty by providing people with the skills and knowledge necessary to earn a decent living.
- **Improved health and well-being:** Human capital development improves health and well-being by providing people with the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices.
- **Increased social cohesion:** Human capital development increases social cohesion by providing people with the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in society.

Investing in human capital development is essential for Nigeria's development. The Nigerian diaspora has a key role to play in this investment. By providing skills, knowledge, and resources, the diaspora can help to address the human capital deficit in Nigeria and contribute to the country's development.



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