

Water Problems and Community Development: A Case Study of Igbo-Ora Community of Oyo State, Nigeria.

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Abstract

Water is known to be an inexhaustible resource because the total supply of it in the biosphere is not affected by human activities. Recycling time depends on various factors. It is not uniformly distributed all over the world and not readily available in the quantity and quality required in most parts on the earth surface. This piece has examined the sources, the crisis of scarcity, and development of water and alternatives in Igbo-Ora, Nigeria. The climate is tropical continental. The major occupation is farming. Major sources of water supply are the ponds, rivers, lakes, and rainfall. Opeki Dam is perpetually dry, that is, not to talk of the pipeline networks and taps that are spent. The consequences of the crisis of inadequacies have been so grievous. Whatever is available must be conserved and preserved to meet all needs. A revisit to Opeki Dam for purpose of rehabilitation is imperative. At the interim, rain water should be harvested, stored and put to use on a large scale on farms and for small scale industrial productions. Farmers should make maximum use of dews. Oyan Dam could be made to serve Igbo-Ora community. Damming Ofiki River is also suggested.

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