

# Through the mirror reflection

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# A moment that made me adjust my research process

## **NIGERIA | FARMER-HERDER CONFLICT CLAIMS MORE CASUALTIES THAN BOKO HARAM**

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- Had planned to do surveys before interviews
- Decided information from my interviews needed to inspire my survey questions
- Highlighted the role of people with authority on the subject, especially those in Nigeria as I had noticed gaps in my knowledge that academic articles couldn't bridge - for example understanding ethnic tensions
- For this article, I was then able to consult Nigerian journalists

# A moment that made me exit my comfort zone /A moment that made someone else a co-collaborator

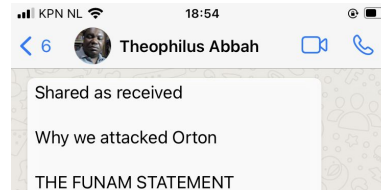
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- Interviews helped me realise that I was hindering my research by sticking within my comfort zone
- Relying on the internet too much instead of seeking sources and people to speak to
- I could get away with this because of Covid-19 but at the expense of the quality of my research
- Showed I needed to speak to more people, spend less time just browsing online (although I did face some barriers with this.)
- Chain messages on Whatsapp



# A moment that encouraged me to ask for help

- There were certain answers/ data that I was struggling to find online and instead of asking within my office I just kept searching independently
- One of my supervisors suggested GIJN, which has helpful resources, including search tools
- Pushed me to broaden my knowledge, use wider variety of resources and helped me find helpful social media pages



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