**Effects of Terrorism in Africa**

Terrorism cost has continued to be felt virtually in every corner of Africa with real direct and very devastating impacts. Terrorism are the violent criminal acts committed by individuals and or groups. This is through sponsoring, contributing, promoting, inciting, encouraging, conspiring or assisting in the organization or execution of certain deliberate acts. These are acts that cause threats, intimidation, fear, anxiety uncertainty, violence and disruption to societies and governments. The perpetrators are inspired by further ideological goals stemming from influences of racial, religious, environmental or political nature. This essay explores how terrorism is affecting Africa focusing on four key areas of economic disruption, tourism, political instability and psychological trauma.

Economic disruption: value of lives lost, destroyed property, loss of investments by foreign and domestic investors. The loss of human life and cost of treating injuries sustained during attacks is immense. According to Gruyter, December 1 2020, terrorism alters economic behavior by changing investments and consumption patterns. Chuku,2017 demonstrates how terrorism affected the economy in Nigeria; that terrorism has an economically and statistically negative effect on the economy. The economic cost of terrorism in Nigeria in terms of lost GDP per annum was estimated at 0.82%. Further there was evidence of reallocation of resources for public investments to deal with terrorism effects and mitigation. Terrorism remains a global business threat leading to multiple real economic consequences that threaten the survival of economies. If no much effort is put to address this, Africa will continue to bear irreversible effects especially in the economic sector.

As we analyze the effects of terrorism in Africa, we take into recognition that devastating effects continue to arise from those violent acts. It’s no doubt, terrorism has had huge negative effects in Africa. Collective action in regional response against terrorism will help to reduce the economic burdens felt by individual countries. Stable countries can support the affected countries. With one country stabilizing, the whole region named Africa will overtime attain stability. They will then as a region continue with the coordinated peace mechanisms against terrorism. Eventually, we will see restoration of peace and the one time historical criminal menace will be overcome.