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Abstract

The present study examines the effects of the development of the Belo Monte Dam in Brazil on the fulfilment of the human right to water for the nearby populace. The Belo Monte Dam Complex, consisting of three separate dams and two reservoirs, is a significant component of Brazil's Growth Acceleration Program aimed at promoting economic growth and providing clean and affordable energy. However, concerns are raised regarding the project's ability to meet its goals, particularly in terms of water and electric supply throughout the year. Furthermore, the paper discusses the adverse effects of the dam on the surrounding populations and the environment. Scholars contend that the initiative has resulted in elevated emissions, compelled the relocation of numerous people and produced adverse effects on the terrain and sustenance of both native and urban communities. The potential loss of agricultural output, deterioration of water quality, and threats to human rights are also highlighted. The study focuses on the violations of the human right to water caused by large-scale infrastructure projects and the heated discussions surrounding the development of the Belo Monte Dam. By addressing these issues, the paper sheds light on the broader implications for local communities and their access to water resources in the context of such projects.

Keywords: Belo Monte Dam, human rights, water rights, infrastructure projects, Brazil, Growth Acceleration Program, local communities, environmental impact, social implications.

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