



## **Selected Difficulties towards Effective Service Provision in the Nigerian Local Government**

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**ABSTRACT** This study examined the difficulties in realizing an operational and effective service delivery strategy in local governments in Nigeria. The paper utilizes desktop method, triangulation, and qualitative reviews to gather its data. Among other things, the study found that while the essence for the establishment of local governments was to create an atmosphere for growth and development from the grassroots, however, the gains for the institutionalization of local government have remained intangible. This is probably because local governments have become an avenue for political settlement by governors and god-fathers of the ruling party. Additionally, the framework for the financial operations of the local governments is hinged on the mercy of the state governors. The study suggests that the restructuring of the roles and functions of the local government amidst global change is paramount, due to the increasing yearning for rural and grassroots emancipation.