

Water Security, Peace, and Fragility in Liberia: An African Ecofeminist Approach

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“I imagine that using narrative and storytelling to communicate water challenges in Liberia will show how collaborative approaches support the findings of the other research.”

Research Questions

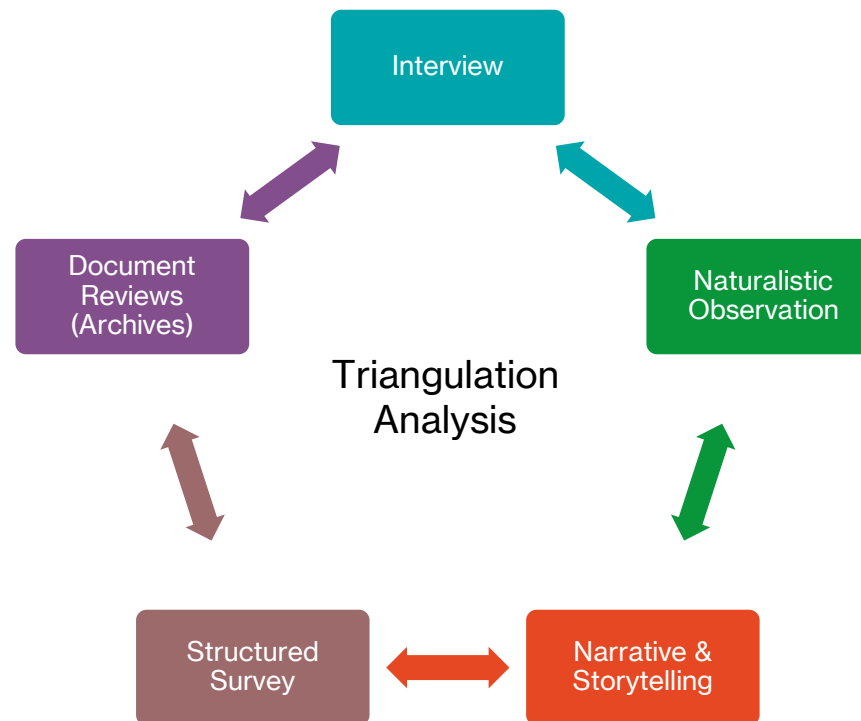
1. To what extent can water access be used as a vehicle for peace and political stability?
2. Ownership over customary land includes ownership of the natural resources on the land such as water resources. **What impact have land ownership have on communities' ability to access water resources in Liberia?**
3. Women played a significant role in fighting for peace and bear the primary responsibility for water collection in Liberia. **How can women organising respond to the challenges of water security and peace in Liberia?**



Results from the survey will produce a report to be submitted to the Government of Liberia for policy development.

Methods

The nature of the study will apply mixed-methods research design and combine data



Co-Production

Storytelling, especially in the African context, is a powerful way to share knowledge. As a children's book author, I will publish the third book of my children's book series on clean water sanitation set in Liberia, *Janjay*, to reflect the lived experiences of Liberian communities' water access challenges as it relates to landownership. The fictional plot will centre on the narratives of Liberians and provide wider geopolitical conversations around fragile states and peace. 10% proceeds to support women's organisations. The publishing of this book will supplement and enrich other data gathering.

