

**DETERMINE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN BORANA AND  
GABRA COMMUNITIES IN MARSABIT COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

This study deals with conflicts among pastoralists in the Borana area of Southern Ethiopia focusing on the case of the Borana and Gabra peoples. The objective of the research is to assess the underlying factors related to the formation, development and transformation of conflicts between the Borana and Gabra since 1990's. To meet this objective, the study employs a qualitative approach and secondary sources. As a conceptual framework for the analysis, the study uses intergroup conflict. This study makes use of ethnicity; ethnic conflict and political ethnicity as a main analytical tool to study intergroup conflict and violence that emerge in a state, especially in this research context, where ethnicity constitutionally has become essential in creating a federal state and administrative units. The researcher used descriptive (qualitative) survey design that helped the researcher to collect relevant data. Then the researcher sorted, summarize, edit and codes the collected data from different respondents and analyzed the data by comparing it with information from different authors and finding out their similarities and differences of those materials.