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**Indigenous people and their socio-economic context
along the transboundary aquifers regions of Uganda.**

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- The demand for surface water across many basins in the world is growing, calling for alternative sources of water.
- One target area is the groundwater.
- Indigenous peoples are more affected negatively by this increased demand.





- The population in both Kagera and Elgon sub-regions are predominantly an agricultural society, therefore need more water.
- Because of their perceived low social and economic status in society, Indigenous peoples have limited access to: **governance and management** of natural resources/ water; **access** to adequate ground water













What are the major challenges affecting Indigenous peoples

- Lack of representation/voice.
- Isolation/accessibility/limited facilities
- Lack of/low self esteem
- They are used as cheap labour (Kagera)
- Elite capture
- “systematic discrimination and marginalization”





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