

**ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION**

**(A CASE STUDY OF MAIKUNKELE IN NIGER STATE)**

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**Abstract:** *Maikunkele settlement came into existence due agglomeration of smaller neighbouring ethnic groups. The town grew spontaneously. The growth in population, physical, socio-economic structure, location of minna international airport and sitting of Bosso local government headquarters are some responsible factors in the poor housing and environmental situations. The main settlers are the Gwari, usually found in nucleated compounds with relatively high occupancy rate are relatively high. i.e There is inadequate educational, health, and essential facilities and characterized with poor drainage and refuse collection systems and a deploring housing situation because of the low level of income of the subsistent farmers. In this paper attempt were made to suggest ways to avert the existing problems. Policies were also formulated to tackle the problems undermining the improvement of shelter. The provision of social amenities, commercial centres, administrative structures and financial institution will no doubt create a pleasant and aesthetic environment for maikunkele.*