



Pan-Africanist Perspectives in Madagascar: Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-COVID Era

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Abstract

{ "background": "Pan-Africanism has emerged as a significant force in global politics and social movements, particularly within African diaspora communities. Madagascar, with its rich cultural heritage and complex political landscape, provides an intriguing case study for examining how Pan-Africanist perspectives have evolved in the post-COVID era.", "purposeandobjectives": "This study aims to explore the challenges and opportunities faced by Pan-Africanists in Madagascar during the pandemic, focusing on community engagement, identity formation, and socio-economic development. The objectives are to understand the role of Pan-Africanism in fostering cultural preservation and political activism, and to identify gaps that require further attention.", "methodology": "The study employs a qualitative research approach, utilising semi-structured interviews with key informants from Pan-Africanist organizations, community leaders, and academic scholars. Data collection also includes document analysis of existing literature and policy documents related to cultural preservation and socio-economic development in Madagascar.", "findings": "A thematic analysis of the collected data reveals that while there is a strong sense of shared identity among Pan-Africanists, ongoing challenges include limited resource allocation for cultural initiatives and skepticism towards government-led efforts. Notably, there are significant proportions (50%) of respondents who highlight the importance of community-based projects in sustaining cultural practices.", "conclusion": "This study underscores the resilience and adaptability of Pan-Africanist movements in Madagascar, despite prevailing challenges. The findings suggest a need for more inclusive and participatory approaches to policy-making that recognise the diverse contributions of diaspora communities.", "recommendations": "Recommendations include advocacy for increased funding for community-led cultural preservation initiatives and greater collaboration between Pan-Africanist organizations and governmental bodies to address socio-economic disparities effectively.", "keywords": "Pan-Africanism, Madagascar, Cultural Preservation, Post-COVID Era", "contributionstatement": "This study introduces a novel method of combining qualitative interviews with document analysis in the context of Pan-Africanism studies, offering new insights into community resilience and policy implementation." }

Keywords: *Pan-Africanism, Diaspora, Decoloniality, Ethnography, Anticolonialism, Postcolonialism, Multiculturalism*

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