



Effectiveness of Social Safety Nets in Reducing Food Security Vulnerabilities Among Rural Senegalese Communities: A Policy Implementation Evaluation Over Two Years

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Abstract

Social safety nets (SSNs) are essential interventions to mitigate food security vulnerabilities in rural Senegalese communities. A mixed-methods approach combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews was employed to assess the impact of SSNs. SSNs led to a significant reduction (30%) in reported food insecurity levels among beneficiaries compared to non-beneficiaries, with positive feedback from community leaders indicating improved livelihood conditions. The study concludes that SSNs are effective in reducing food security vulnerabilities but highlights the need for further tailored interventions and continuous monitoring. Policy recommendations include scaling up SSN programmes while integrating them into broader rural development strategies to enhance their impact.

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