



Eco-Friendly Practices Among Northern Rwandan Farmers Through PRNs Analysis

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Abstract

Northern Rwanda's agricultural sector faces challenges such as soil degradation and climate variability, necessitating sustainable practices to ensure food security. The study employed qualitative methods including interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis to explore farmer perspectives and PRN activities. A significant proportion (70%) of participants reported increased soil fertility through composting and crop rotation practices facilitated by PRNs. Community leaders highlighted the importance of education in promoting sustainable farming techniques. PRNs have been instrumental in bridging knowledge gaps between agricultural extension services and farmers, enhancing their capacity to adopt sustainable agricultural methods. Continue funding for PRN initiatives to support ongoing environmental stewardship projects and expand outreach to broader farmer networks. Strengthen community engagement frameworks to ensure long-term sustainability of practices.

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