Microfinance Empowerment Programmes and Women's Livelihoods in Nairobi Slums: A Theoretical Framework Analysis

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Abstract

Microfinance programmes have been implemented in various informal settlements globally to address financial instability and promote economic empowerment. The analysis will draw from existing literature and theories related to gender, finance, and urban development in African contexts. The theoretical framework highlights the need for tailored interventions that consider socio-economic dynamics and community engagement. Policy makers should prioritise inclusive financing mechanisms and integrate gender-sensitive strategies to maximise programme impact in Nairobi slums. Microfinance, empowerment programmes, women's livelihoods, Nairobi slums, financial stability, education access

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