



Cultural Adaptation and Resilience in Migrant Communities of Southern Africa: A Comparative Study with Focus on Madagascar

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Abstract

This study explores cultural adaptation and resilience among migrant communities in southern Africa, with a specific focus on Madagascar. This comparative study employs qualitative methods including interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis to examine cultural adaptation processes among migrants from various regions of Madagascar. Cultural practices were found to be resilient despite challenges, with a significant proportion (37%) maintaining traditional festivals and rituals across different generations in their new settlements. The study concludes that while migrants face numerous socio-economic challenges, cultural heritage plays a crucial role in sustaining community cohesion and identity. Policy makers should consider promoting initiatives that support the preservation of migrant communities' cultural practices to enhance social integration and resilience.

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