



Impact Evaluation of Microfinance Interventions on Coffee Smallholders in Rwanda's Volcanoes Region

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Abstract

This study examines the impact of microfinance interventions on coffee smallholders in Rwanda's Volcanoes Region. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with a sample of 30 smallholder farmers, focus groups, and document analysis of MFI records and farmer surveys conducted during the study period in the Volcanoes Region. Findings indicate that while MFIs have provided essential financial support to coffee smallholders, there is variability in how this assistance has been utilised. Some farmers used funds for improving infrastructure like irrigation systems, leading to significant increases in crop yields by up to 25%. The study concludes that microfinance interventions can be effective tools for enhancing the economic resilience of coffee smallholder farmers provided they are tailored and complemented with agricultural training and supportive services. MFIs should consider tailoring their financial assistance packages more closely to local needs, incorporating elements such as agricultural extension services. Additionally, there is a need for long-term support mechanisms like insurance schemes to mitigate risks associated with climate change impacts on coffee farming in the region.

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