



# Performance Outcomes of Agricultural Extension Services on Smallholder Farmers in Gaza Region, Mozambique: A Three-Year Ethnographic Study

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## Abstract

This study examines the impact of agricultural extension services on smallholder farmers in the Gaza Region of Mozambique, focusing on productivity outcomes over a three-year period. This study employs an ethnographic approach, involving extensive fieldwork in rural Mozambique. Data collection includes interviews, observations, and document reviews to capture nuanced insights into farmer experiences and service impacts. A notable finding is that farmers who received targeted training services saw a significant 20% increase in crop yields compared to those without such support, highlighting the effectiveness of tailored interventions. The study concludes that while agricultural extension services offer potential for boosting productivity among smallholder farmers, sustained engagement and local adaptation are crucial for achieving sustainable outcomes. Recommendations include integrating farmer feedback into service delivery strategies and fostering partnerships between extension providers and community leaders to enhance programme effectiveness.

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