



Challenges and Opportunities for Ghanaian Businesses in Post-Conflict Societies

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Abstract

Ghana is a post-conflict state that has experienced significant economic growth in recent years, yet many businesses face ongoing challenges related to instability and regulatory environment. The study employs qualitative research methods, including semi-structured interviews with business owners and stakeholders, participant observation, and document analysis. Data was collected from urban and rural areas across Ghana. Businesses in post-conflict regions often struggle with inadequate infrastructure, high transaction costs, and a lack of access to skilled labour, particularly in remote areas where the proportion of businesses experiencing these issues is notably higher than in other regions. While challenges persist, there are emerging opportunities for business growth through government support programmes and private sector collaborations. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for fostering sustainable economic development in Ghana and similar contexts. Businesses should leverage available resources such as training programmes and grants to enhance operational efficiency; policymakers must prioritise infrastructure improvements and market access initiatives to facilitate broader economic engagement.

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