



## The Informal Economy in Côte d'Ivoire: Its Contribution to GDP,

Toumani Zanière<sup>1,2</sup>, Djibrila Coulibaly<sup>3,4</sup>, Ameneh Ibrahim<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Research, Côte d'Ivoire Agricultural College

<sup>2</sup> Côte d'Ivoire Medical Research Institute

<sup>3</sup> Côte d'Ivoire Centre for Population Studies

<sup>4</sup> Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Côte d'Ivoire Medical Research Institute

<sup>5</sup> Department of Research, Côte d'Ivoire Medical Research Institute

**Published:** 18 September 2005 | **Received:** 17 June 2005 | **Accepted:** 01 August 2005

**Correspondence:** [tzanire@hotmail.com](mailto:tzanire@hotmail.com)

**DOI:** [10.5281/zenodo.18820333](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18820333)

### Author notes

*Toumani Zanière is affiliated with Department of Research, Côte d'Ivoire Agricultural College and focuses on Business research in Africa.*

*Djibrila Coulibaly is affiliated with Côte d'Ivoire Centre for Population Studies and focuses on Business research in Africa.*

*Ameneh Ibrahim is affiliated with Department of Research, Côte d'Ivoire Medical Research Institute and focuses on Business research in Africa.*

### Abstract

Côte d'Ivoire's economy has been significantly influenced by its informal sector, which contributes substantially to GDP but remains understudied. Qualitative research methods were employed, including interviews with business owners, focus groups, and secondary data analysis to understand economic activities not captured by formal records. Informal sector businesses accounted for approximately 40% of GDP in Côte d'Ivoire between and , highlighting its substantial contribution despite regulatory challenges. The informal economy plays a pivotal role in Côte d'Ivoire's economic stability and growth, necessitating more supportive policies to harness its full potential. Government should implement targeted support measures for informal sector businesses to foster sustainable economic development.

**Keywords:** Côte d'Ivoire, Informal Economy, Microfinance, Qualitative Research, Case Study, Development Economics, Ethnography

## ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

**Email:** [info@parj.africa](mailto:info@parj.africa)

Request your copy of the full paper today!

## SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

**Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!**

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

**Submit at:** [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)



Scan to visit [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)

**Open Access Scholarship from PARJ**

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge