



Accessibility and Utilization of Legal Aid Services in Rural Ghana: An Analysis of Vulnerable Population Satisfaction Levels

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Abstract

Legal aid services in rural Ghana are often inaccessible to vulnerable populations due to geographical barriers and financial constraints. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including a survey of 500 randomly selected individuals from rural communities and qualitative interviews with 20 legal aid service providers. The survey revealed that only 15% of respondents had used legal aid services in the past year, primarily due to high costs and lack of awareness about available resources. Qualitative feedback indicated a need for more affordable options and improved accessibility. Despite efforts by government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), significant barriers persist in ensuring equitable access to legal aid services among rural populations. Promote public-private partnerships to reduce costs, enhance service delivery, and increase awareness of available resources. Implement targeted outreach programmes to address language and cultural barriers.

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