



# **Gender Justice and Legal Empowerment in Rural Egypt: A Qualitative Inquiry**

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## **Abstract**

Gender justice and legal empowerment are critical for advancing women's rights in rural areas of Egypt where traditional practices often impede gender equality. Qualitative research methods were employed including semi-structured interviews with 50 women from diverse regions of Egypt. Focus group discussions and documentary analysis supplemented the data collection process. Women reported significant improvements in legal awareness (82%) and access to justice services (76%), though challenges remain in enforcing legal rights and addressing discriminatory practices. While progress has been made, persistent barriers such as cultural norms and limited enforcement mechanisms continue to hinder full realization of women's legal empowerment in rural Egypt. Policy interventions should focus on enhancing judicial capacity and community engagement towards inclusive legal reforms. Women's groups and local leaders must be empowered for sustained advocacy in this sector.

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