



Resource Extraction and Human Rights in Senegal: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Resource extraction projects in Senegal have been a significant part of the country's economic development strategy since the late 1970s. A mixed-method approach combining legal analysis and stakeholder interviews was employed to evaluate compliance with Senegal's national laws and international human rights standards. Interviews revealed that 40% of respondents experienced violations related to land rights, which were inadequately addressed by existing legal frameworks. The governance framework for resource extraction in Senegal is insufficient to protect the rights of affected communities. Improvements are necessary to ensure compliance with both national and international standards. Senegalese authorities should strengthen enforcement mechanisms, enhance transparency in project approvals, and provide more comprehensive legal support for victims of human rights abuses.

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