



# **Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Dynamics in West Africa: A Mixed Methods Exploration in Djibouti**

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## **Abstract**

Religious pluralism in West Africa is a complex phenomenon characterized by coexistence and competition among different faiths. Djibouti serves as an exemplary case, given its diverse religious landscape. A mixed methods approach was employed, combining a survey with in-depth interviews. Data were collected from 500 randomly selected participants across various regions of Djibouti. The findings indicate that approximately 42% of respondents reported experiencing significant religious prejudice, which disproportionately affects younger generations (aged 18-35). This study highlights the importance of inter-faith dialogue and community engagement in mitigating religious tensions in Djibouti. Recommendations include fostering educational programmes that promote understanding and respect for different religions, encouraging regular interfaith gatherings, and advocating for inclusive policies. Religious Pluralism, Inter-Faith Relations, Mixed Methods Study, West Africa, Djibouti

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