



Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Africa

Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Evidence: Policy Implications for Fragile States

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Africa: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Evidence: Policy Implications for Fragile States with a focused emphasis on Benin within the field of Business. It is structured as a policy analysis article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Foreign Direct Investment, East Africa Causal, Africa Causal Mechanisms, Empirical Evidence Policy, Evidence Policy Implications, Foreign Direct*

Article Highlights

- Examines causal mechanisms linking FDI to growth in East Africa
- Presents empirical evidence with focus on Benin as a case study
- Analyzes institutional and policy dynamics specific to African contexts
- Derives practical policy implications for fragile states

Core Contribution

Provides an evidence-based framework for FDI policy in East African fragile states, emphasising context-specific institutional mechanisms.

This analysis foregrounds African institutional contexts rather than applying generic models.

Introduction

The introduction of Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Africa: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Evidence: Policy Implications for Fragile States examines Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Africa: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Evidence: Policy Implications for Fragile States in relation to Benin, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Business ([Behr, 2021](#)) ([Behr, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 211 to 324 words

part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Gereffi et al., 2021](#))([Gereffi et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Ivanyna et al., 2021](#))([Ivanyna et al., 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in East Africa: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Evidence: Policy Implications for Fragile States; explain why it matters in Benin; define the article objective; preview the structure([Krawatzek & Soroka, 2021](#)). In the context of Benin, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Krawatzek & Soroka, 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Climate Action to Unlock the Inclusive Growth Story of the 21st Century), Circulation, Conditions, Claims: Examining the Politics of Historical Memory in Eastern Europe).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Policy Context, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Summary of core findings on foreign direct investment

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Benin
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to foreign direct investment
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Business
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Benin context.

Policy Context

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This section follows Policy Analysis Framework and leads into Results (Policy Data), so it preserves continuity across the article.

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This section follows Policy Assessment and leads into Implementation Challenges, so it preserves continuity across the article.

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This section follows Results (Policy Data) and leads into Policy Recommendations, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Recommendations

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Discussion

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This section follows Policy Recommendations and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

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This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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