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Methodological Evaluation and Panel-Data Estimation for Risk Reduction in Ethiopia's Industrial Machinery Fleets

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ABSTRACT

Background: Industrial machinery fleets in Ethiopia face significant operational risks, including high failure rates and safety incidents, which impede productivity and economic development. Existing risk assessment frameworks often lack empirical rigour and longitudinal analysis, limiting effective policy formulation for asset management and safety regulation.

Purpose and objectives: This policy analysis aims to evaluate methodological approaches for risk assessment and to develop a robust panel-data model for quantifying risk reduction in the country's industrial machinery sector. The objective is to provide an evidence-based tool for policymakers to prioritise interventions.

Keywords: *Industrial machinery, risk reduction, panel-data estimation, Sub-Saharan Africa, policy analysis, operational safety, maintenance management*

Article Highlights

- Critique finds static risk assessments underestimate latent factors in industrial fleets.
- Two-way fixed effects model isolates intervention impact from unobserved heterogeneity.
- Results advocate for mandated, standardised time-series data collection.
- Shift from compliance checklists to data-informed predictive maintenance.

Model Specification

Two-way fixed effects panel model with robust standard errors clustered at fleet level: $Y_{it} = \alpha + \beta_i X_{it} + \mu_i + \lambda_t + \varepsilon_{it}$

This study provides an empirical framework for evidence-based industrial safety policy in developing economies.

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