

Risk Reduction Diagnostics for Tanzanian Water Treatment Systems

A Panel-Data Estimation, 2000–2026

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ABSTRACT

Background: Water treatment infrastructure in Tanzania faces persistent operational risks, yet systematic, longitudinal diagnostics for policy intervention remain underdeveloped. Existing assessments often lack the temporal dimension needed to isolate the efficacy of specific risk mitigation measures.

Purpose and objectives: This policy analysis develops and applies a panel-data econometric framework to quantify the impact of infrastructural and managerial interventions on the operational risk profile of water treatment systems. It aims to identify the most effective levers for risk reduction to inform national investment and maintenance policy.

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Article Highlights

- Panel-data model isolates efficacy of risk mitigation measures over time.
- Capital refurbishment linked to 22% reduction in operational risk.
- Routine operational spending alone shows no significant risk reduction.
- Underscores policy trade-off between maintenance and renewal funding.

Methodological Note

Analysis employs a two-way fixed effects model on a balanced panel of facility-level data, with inference based on cluster-robust standard errors.

This analysis provides longitudinal econometric evidence to inform national water infrastructure policy.

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