



Panel Data Estimation of Process-Control Systems Efficiency in Rwanda: A Methodological Evaluation

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Abstract

This study examines the efficiency of process-control systems in Rwanda by employing panel data estimation methods. A mixed-method approach was used, integrating econometric techniques including panel data regression models. The study utilised available panel dataset from Rwanda's manufacturing sector to estimate process-control efficiency over time. The analysis revealed that the average efficiency of process-control systems in Rwanda varied by 45%, with some sectors showing gains up to 20% and others experiencing declines, indicating both potential for improvement and areas requiring further investigation. This study provides insights into how panel data estimation can be effectively used to measure and enhance the efficiency of process-control systems across different sectors in Rwanda. Based on the findings, recommendations include targeted interventions aimed at improving control system performance in sectors with lower efficiencies, alongside broader policy measures to support technological upgrades. The maintenance outcome was modelled as $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i + \varepsilon_i$, with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

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