



# Land Reform Impacts in East Africa: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry into Socio-Economic Dynamics in Tanzania

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## Abstract

Land reform initiatives have been implemented in East Africa to address historical injustices related to land ownership. In Tanzania, these reforms aim to redistribute land among historically marginalized communities. The research employs a mixed-method approach combining semi-structured interviews with focus groups for in-depth insights into local perceptions and experiences, alongside a structured survey to gather broader socio-economic data across the study area. Findings indicate that while land reforms have led to increased access to land for previously disadvantaged groups, there is still significant variability in how this benefit translates into improved agricultural productivity and income levels. The mixed-methods approach has provided a nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between policy implementation and community responses in Tanzania's recent land reform context. Policy makers should consider implementing targeted support programmes to enhance the effectiveness of land reforms, particularly for smallholder farmers who have limited access to formal markets or modern agricultural inputs. Land Reform, Socio-Economic Impacts, East Africa, Tanzania, Mixed-Methods Study

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