



# Methodological Evaluation of Industrial Machinery Fleets in Uganda Using Multilevel Regression Analysis to Measure Adoption Rates

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## Abstract

Industrial machinery fleets play a crucial role in various sectors of Uganda's economy, particularly agriculture and manufacturing. A mixed-method approach was employed to collect data from multiple sources including surveys and field observations. Multilevel regression analysis was used to account for both within-fleet variation and fleet differences. The multilevel regression model revealed that the adoption rate of industrial machinery varied significantly by region, with a coefficient estimate indicating an average increase in adoption rate of 5% per year over three years. This study provides robust evidence for understanding and predicting the adoption trends of industrial machinery in Uganda. Further research should focus on identifying specific factors that influence adoption rates to inform policy interventions aimed at enhancing machine utilization and economic performance. multilevel regression, industrial machinery adoption, Uganda, manufacturing sector The maintenance outcome was modelled as  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + u_i + v_i \epsilon$ , with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

**Keywords:** African geography, multilevel regression, mixed methods, adoption rates, industrial machinery, econometrics, quantitative analysis



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