



Revisiting Urban Food Security Systems in Dakar: A Study of Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture Adoption Over Three Years

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Abstract

Urban food security systems in Dakar, Senegal have been under study for their effectiveness in addressing local agricultural needs and improving community well-being. Data were collected through surveys administered to participants at community gardens across Dakar. A mixed-methods approach combining quantitative survey data with qualitative interviews provided comprehensive insights into the adoption trends and factors influencing garden participation. A significant proportion (75%) of participants reported increased engagement in urban agriculture over the three-year period, driven by government subsidies that lowered costs for materials and equipment. The replication study validates previous findings on community garden participation but identifies a notable increase due to subsidized resources. These findings underscore the effectiveness of targeted interventions in boosting urban food security initiatives. Future research should further investigate long-term sustainability strategies, including environmental impact assessments and economic feasibility studies for supported community gardens. Model estimation used $\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i, f(\theta; \xi)) + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \}$, with performance evaluated using out-of-sample error.

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