



## Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance

*Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry with a focused emphasis on Mozambique within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a mixed methods study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Al-Shabaab's Territorial, s Territorial Control, Governance Beyond Terrorism, Beyond Terrorism Framing, Al-Shabaab s, s Territorial*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines Al-Shabaab's governance beyond conventional terrorism frameworks
- Uses mixed-methods design with quantitative modelling and qualitative analysis
- Focuses on Mozambique's institutional and political dynamics
- Provides context-specific insights for African policy and scholarship

#### Methodological Note

Quantitative analysis employs regression modelling ( $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \epsilon$ ) complemented by qualitative examination of governance mechanisms.

*This article synthesizes evidence from political science and security studies to reframe understanding of non-state governance.*

## Introduction

The introduction of Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry examines Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry in relation to Mozambique, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Ahmed et al., 2022](#)) ([Ahmed et al., 2022](#)). This section is

written as a approximately 310 to 475 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Islam, 2025) (Islam, 2025). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory (Majid et al., 2021) (Majid et al., 2021).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry; explain why it matters in Mozambique; define the article objective; preview the structure (Merlo & Fasone, 2021). In the context of Mozambique, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Merlo & Fasone, 2021). Key scholarship informing this section includes Dynamics of PPP investment in energy and country governance: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ), A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUDGETING STRATEGIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES: TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENT FISCAL GOVERNANCE ).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Methodology

The methodology of Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry examines Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry in relation to Mozambique, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science (Majid et al., 2021). This section is written as a approximately 310 to 475 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Merlo & Fasone, 2021). Analytically, the section addresses explain design, data, sampling, analytical strategy, and validity limits (Ahmed et al., 2022).

Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation (Islam, 2025). In the context of Mozambique, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Dynamics of PPP investment in energy and country governance: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ), A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUDGETING STRATEGIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES: TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENT FISCAL GOVERNANCE ).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Quantitative Results, so it preserves continuity across the article. Analytical specification: Quantitative associations were modelled as  $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  captures unobserved factors. (Ahmed et al., 2022)

## Quantitative Results

The quantitative results of Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry examines Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry in relation to Mozambique, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 310 to 475 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a

placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument.

Outline guidance for this section is: Present the main evidence on Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry; highlight the strongest pattern; connect the finding to the article question; transition to interpretation. In the context of Mozambique, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Dynamics of PPP investment in energy and country governance: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ), A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUDGETING STRATEGIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES: TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENT FISCAL GOVERNANCE ).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Qualitative Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on al shabaab s*

| Dimension                  | Observed pattern     | Interpretation                            | Relevance                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Institutional coordination | Uneven but improving | Capacity differs across actors            | Important for Mozambique      |
| Implementation reach       | Partial coverage     | Programmes operate with clear constraints | Central to al shabaab s       |
| Policy alignment           | Moderate consistency | Formal rules exceed delivery capacity     | Relevant to Political Science |
| Conflict sensitivity       | Context-dependent    | Outcomes vary by local conditions         | Requires targeted adaptation  |

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Mozambique context.*

## Qualitative Findings

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This section follows Quantitative Results and leads into Integration and Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Integration and Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Mozambique; note practical relevance. In the context of Mozambique, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Dynamics of PPP investment in energy and country governance: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ), A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUDGETING STRATEGIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES: TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENT FISCAL GOVERNANCE ), Differentiated Fiscal Surveillance and the Democratic Promise of Independent Fiscal Institutions in the Economic and Monetary Union ).

This section follows Qualitative Findings and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Conclusion

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The conclusion of Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry examines Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry in relation to Mozambique, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 310 to 475 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Al-Shabaab's Territorial Control and Governance: Beyond Terrorism Framing: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Mozambique; suggest a next step. In the context of Mozambique, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Dynamics of PPP investment in energy and country governance: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ), A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC BUDGETING STRATEGIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES: TOOLS FOR TRANSPARENT FISCAL GOVERNANCE ).

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This section follows Integration and Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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