



Access to Justice in Zimbabwean Domestic Violence Cases: An Ethnographic Assessment of Legal Reforms Implementations from 2012 to 2012

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Abstract

Domestic violence in Zimbabwe has been a significant social issue, affecting women disproportionately. Legal reforms aimed at enhancing access to justice for victims have been implemented since . The study employed participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and document analysis among local women's rights organizations, judicial officials, and victims' families. Fieldwork was conducted in urban and rural areas across Zimbabwe. Findings indicate that while the legal reforms have been introduced, adherence to new procedures varies widely between different regions and levels of judicial authority, with some critical elements not being fully implemented. The study reveals a mixed picture regarding the effectiveness of recent legal changes in improving access to justice for women victims of domestic violence. Implementation challenges remain significant. Further targeted training for judicial staff and consistent monitoring of implementation are recommended to ensure equitable application of new laws.

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