



Agricultural Policy Transitions and Rural Livelihood Stability in Zimbabwe,

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Abstract

This study examines agricultural policy transitions in Zimbabwe from to , focusing on their impact on rural livelihood stability. Data were collected through interviews with local farmers, focus group discussions, and secondary data analysis from government records and international development reports. Quantitative methods included regression analyses to assess the relationship between policy implementation and livelihood outcomes. Regression models showed that a significant proportion (45%) of rural households experienced improvement in food security following targeted agricultural subsidies introduced in , with robust standard errors indicating confidence in these findings. This study highlights the importance of aligning agricultural policies with local needs to enhance livelihood stability. The specific effects observed suggest that policy changes can positively impact key indicators such as food security and income sources. Policy makers should consider implementing similar targeted interventions to support rural livelihoods, alongside broader reforms aimed at long-term sustainability. The empirical specification follows $Y = \beta_{0+\beta}^{-1} p X + \text{varepsilon}$, and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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