



# Environmental Justice Movements in Ghanaian Resource-Rich Communities: An Action Research Study

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## Abstract

Environmental justice movements in resource-rich communities are gaining prominence globally, particularly in Africa where natural resources often conflict with local livelihoods and environmental health. This action research employs a participatory approach, involving local stakeholders through workshops, interviews, and community surveys to gather insights on environmental issues and citizen activism. Community members reported significant concerns about air pollution from mining activities, with over 60% expressing dissatisfaction with the government's response. Women were found to be disproportionately affected by these health impacts. The study reveals that while there is a growing awareness of environmental issues in resource-rich communities, effective advocacy and policy changes remain limited due to governance challenges and economic pressures. Policy recommendations include strengthening community engagement mechanisms and integrating local voices into environmental decision-making processes. Environmental Justice, Ghana, Resource-Rich Communities, Action Research

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