



Gender and Power Dynamics in Burundi's Political Transitions: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Burundi has experienced multiple political transitions since its independence in , characterized by ethnic tensions and power struggles. Gender dynamics have been under-researched within this context. A mixed-methods approach involving both qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys was employed. Data collection took place across various regions in Burundi, seeking to understand the experiences of women and men in different socio-political contexts. Analysing survey responses, it was found that women reported facing significantly higher levels of discrimination and violence compared to their male counterparts in political arenas, with approximately 45% of respondents indicating such experiences. The qualitative interviews revealed a complex interplay between traditional gender roles and contemporary power structures, which often reinforced existing inequalities rather than promoting genuine equality. Policy recommendations include the establishment of comprehensive anti-discrimination laws and initiatives aimed at fostering inclusive political participation for women. Burundi, Political Transitions, Gender Dynamics, Power Inequality

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