



Policy Nexus in Eswatini: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry into Law Research Implications

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Abstract

This study explores the policy implications of law research in Eswatini, examining how legal frameworks influence and are influenced by socio-economic conditions. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data analysis from government records, ensuring comprehensive coverage of both perspectives on law implementation. In-depth interviews revealed a significant disparity in enforcement between written laws and actual practices, particularly affecting rural areas where resources are scarce. Quantitative data showed that child welfare cases increased by 15% over the last three years. The findings suggest that while Eswatini has robust legal frameworks for children's rights, practical implementation remains a challenge due to resource constraints and enforcement issues. This study recommends an increase in government funding for child welfare services and improved training for law enforcement personnel to enhance compliance with existing laws.

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