



# Criminal Justice System Reforms and Pre-Trial Detention Reducing Initiatives in Uganda: A Mixed Methods Assessment

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## Abstract

Uganda's criminal justice system has faced challenges in reducing pre-trial detention times, which can lead to human rights violations and inefficiencies. The study employs both qualitative interviews with stakeholders and quantitative data analysis from court records, aiming for a comprehensive understanding of the reform initiatives' effectiveness. Findings indicate that reforms have led to a statistically significant decrease in pre-trial detention periods by 15%, though there is variability across different types of cases. The mixed methods approach has provided nuanced insights into the efficacy and challenges faced during implementation of these reforms. Based on findings, ongoing monitoring and periodic review are recommended to ensure sustained benefits from the implemented reforms.

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