



# Criminal Justice System Reforms and Reducing Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda: A Theoretical Framework

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## Abstract

Uganda's criminal justice system includes pre-trial detention as a common practice, which can significantly impact defendants' rights and public perception of fairness. The theoretical framework will draw on literature reviews, comparative analysis, and expert consultations to identify potential reforms. The theoretical framework identifies key areas such as procedural fairness, timely case management, and alternative measures that could reduce reliance on pre-trial detention without compromising justice outcomes. Recommendations include implementing mandatory time limits for pre-trial detention reviews, enhancing judicial training in prompt decision-making, and exploring community-based alternatives to incarceration.

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