



# Legal Aid Services and Access to Justice among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: An African Perspective Analysis

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## Abstract

The influx of Syrian refugees into Lebanon has highlighted significant challenges in providing legal aid services for access to justice. Existing literature suggests that UN agencies play a crucial role in this domain, yet there is limited empirical analysis focusing on their effectiveness and impact. The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative data on service utilization and qualitative interviews with refugee beneficiaries. Data collection is conducted through surveys and semi-structured interviews in urban centers of Lebanon and Kenya. Findings indicate that while UN agencies have established legal aid services, there are notable gaps in coverage across regions and varying levels of user satisfaction. Specific themes include limited availability in rural areas and concerns regarding confidentiality and accessibility to specialized legal assistance. The analysis reveals a complex interplay between service provision and user experience, necessitating targeted interventions to enhance inclusivity and efficacy of legal aid services for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Recommendations include expanding coverage in underserved regions, addressing confidentiality concerns, and integrating community-based support mechanisms into existing services. Additionally, continuous monitoring and feedback loops are essential for service improvement.

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