



Youth and Law in Madagascar: A Policy Perspective on Inclusion and Participation

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Abstract

Youth constitute a significant portion of Madagascar's population, yet their engagement in legal processes is underexplored. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with key informants and a survey targeting young people across different regions of Madagascar. Youth engagement in legal processes varies significantly by region; urban areas have higher levels of youth involvement compared to rural settings (35% vs. 18%). The findings highlight the need for tailored strategies that address regional disparities and promote inclusive participation among young people. Develop targeted educational programmes in underserved regions, integrate youth voices into legal reforms, and establish mentorship schemes to enhance their involvement.

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