



Faith-Based Security Actors

Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints with a focused emphasis on South Sudan within the field of Law. It is structured as a book review that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *Faith-Based Security Actors, Security Actors Churches, Actors Churches Mosques, South Sudan Gender, Sudan Gender Power, Faith-Based Security*

Article Highlights

- Examines how faith institutions fill security voids in South Sudan.
- Analyses gender and power relations within faith-based security provision.
- Identifies structural constraints limiting institutional effectiveness.
- Links findings to broader African customary law and security debates.

Core Argument

Faith-based actors provide essential community safety in South Sudan, but their operations are shaped by and can reinforce existing gender inequalities and structural limitations.

This analysis foregrounds the African institutional context and practical implications.

Introduction

The introduction of Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints examines Faith-Based Security Actors:

Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law ([Black et al., 2022](#)) ([Black et al., 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 357 to 548 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary ([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#)) ([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory ([Ramamurthy, 2021](#)) ([Ramamurthy, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints; explain why it matters in South Sudan; define the article objective; preview the structure ([Soltani et al., 2021](#)). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary ([Soltani et al., 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Environment of Peace: Security in a New Era of Risk), Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Summary, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Summary

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints; keep the section specific to South Sudan; connect it to the wider article ([Onyeaka et al., 2024](#)). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Environment of Peace: Security in a New Era of Risk), Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Critical Analysis, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Critical Analysis

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This section follows Summary and leads into Contextual Evaluation, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contextual Evaluation

The contextual evaluation of Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints examines Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 357 to 548 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses write the section in a publication-ready way and keep it aligned to the article argument.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Sudan; note practical relevance. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Environment of Peace: Security in a New Era of Risk), Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security).

This section follows Critical Analysis and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

The conclusion of Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints examines Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 357 to 548 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Faith-Based Security Actors: Churches, Mosques, and Community Safety in South Sudan: Gender, Power, and Structural Constraints;

restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Sudan; suggest a next step. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Environment of Peace: Security in a New Era of Risk), Promoting equity and justice: harnessing the right to food for Africa's food security).

This section follows Contextual Evaluation and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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