



Resource Allocation and Efficiency in Public Defender Services across Four African Cities: A Comparative Study in Rwanda

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Abstract

This study examines the delivery of public defender services in four African cities, focusing on resource allocation and efficiency in Rwanda. This study employs qualitative research methods including interviews with stakeholders such as public defenders, legal practitioners, and community members to gather insights into resource allocation and efficiency in Rwanda's public defender services. Data analysis focuses on thematic coding of interview transcripts and observations. A key finding is the significant disparity in resource distribution across cities, with some areas receiving substantial funding while others struggle due to underfunding. This imbalance impacts service quality and client satisfaction. The study highlights the critical role of adequate financial resources in improving public defender services efficiency and effectiveness in Rwanda. To improve service delivery, recommendations include advocating for equitable resource allocation across all cities, implementing targeted training programmes for public defenders, and integrating community-based support systems to enhance client outcomes.

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