



and Society in Post-Conflict Madagascar: Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract

Post-conflict Madagascar faces significant challenges in rebuilding its legal framework and social structures. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with public policy documents to assess current legal frameworks and proposed reforms. Community participation rates in local justice committees were found to be as high as 75% in some regions, indicating potential for effective local law enforcement but also highlighting issues of capacity and resource allocation. The legal system in post-conflict Madagascar offers both opportunities for community empowerment through local governance structures and challenges related to equitable resource distribution and accountability mechanisms. Priority should be given to strengthening oversight bodies and improving access to justice for marginalized communities, while also fostering greater collaboration between national and local law enforcement agencies.

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