



# Youth Livelihood Initiatives in Somalia's Conflict-Affected Areas: Evaluating Entrepreneurship Training and Employment Creation Efforts

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## Abstract

Youth unemployment is a significant challenge in Somalia's conflict-affected regions, where economic opportunities are scarce and social structures have been disrupted by ongoing violence. The research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys among participants who have completed the training programmes. Data analysis includes thematic coding and statistical testing for employment creation outcomes. Entrepreneurship training significantly improved participants' business skills (65% reported enhanced abilities), leading to an increase in income-generating ventures by 30% compared to baseline levels, though with varying success across different sectors. While the training programmes show promise for boosting youth entrepreneurial potential and employment creation, their efficacy varies depending on local economic conditions and support structures. Future interventions should focus on strengthening post-training mentoring and financial assistance mechanisms to ensure sustained business growth among beneficiaries. Youth Livelihoods, Conflict-Affected Somalia, Entrepreneurship Training, Employment Creation

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