



Access to Justice in Urban Slums: A Legal Analysis of Vulnerable Populations in Tanzania, 2003

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Abstract

This study examines access to justice for vulnerable populations in urban slums of Tanzania, focusing on legal frameworks and service delivery. The research employs a qualitative approach, analysing existing laws, court records, interviews with stakeholders including lawyers, judges, and community leaders, and surveys of residents living in urban slums. Approximately 60% of legal aid cases involving vulnerable populations are related to disputes over housing rights, reflecting the critical need for legal representation in this area. The analysis reveals a significant disparity in access to justice between urban slum residents and other segments of society. Recommendations include enhancing legal education programmes and expanding public defender services. Recommendations focus on improving legal aid availability, increasing community awareness about their rights, and implementing more robust oversight mechanisms for judicial processes affecting vulnerable populations.

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