



Implementing Child Marriage Reforms: Comparative Analysis of Kenya and Uganda

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Abstract

This study examines the implementation of child marriage reforms in Kenya and Uganda, focusing on legal policies aimed at reducing early marriages among minors. The study employs a qualitative approach, analysing legislative frameworks, implementation practices, and stakeholder perspectives from both nations' legal systems. A notable finding is the significant variation in enforcement strategies; Kenya's more stringent judicial oversight led to higher compliance rates compared to Uganda's reliance on community-based initiatives. The review concludes that while both countries have made progress, Kenya demonstrates a clearer path towards effective child marriage reform through stronger legal mechanisms and robust enforcement. Recommendation for policymakers is the integration of judicial oversight with community engagement strategies to enhance policy implementation effectiveness.

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