



Traditional Dispute Resolution in Chad: A Study of Its Role in Access to Justice

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Abstract

Traditional dispute resolution mechanisms have long played a significant role in resolving conflicts within communities across Chad. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with stakeholders from various regions of Chad, participant observation, and document review. Data collection was conducted between January and June . The data revealed that traditional dispute resolution mechanisms are particularly effective in resolving disputes involving communal land rights among indigenous populations, where they operate effectively with a success rate of over 75% in achieving reconciliation. Traditional dispute resolution plays a crucial role in providing accessible and culturally sensitive justice to marginalized communities in Chad. This study underscores the need for integrating TDR into formal legal systems to improve access to justice. The integration of traditional dispute resolution mechanisms within the existing legal framework could significantly enhance accessibility, efficiency, and effectiveness of justice delivery in Chad.

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