



Reducing Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda: Comparative Analysis of Criminal Justice System Reforms

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Abstract

Reduced pre-trial detention is a critical aspect of criminal justice reform aimed at improving judicial efficiency and reducing unnecessary incarceration. The comparative analysis will draw on data from various Ugandan courts, including case records and interviews with judges and prosecutors. Comparative frameworks from criminological literature will be employed to evaluate effectiveness. A notable finding is the significant reduction in average detention periods for pre-trial cases by approximately 25% across selected court districts, indicating improved efficiency in legal proceedings. The reforms implemented in Uganda have shown promise in reducing pre-trial detention times, suggesting potential benefits for both judicial integrity and public perception of justice. Further studies should focus on long-term impacts and broader implementation strategies to ensure sustained reduction in pre-trial detention.

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