



# The Legal Landscape of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Madagascar: A Review

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## Abstract

The Madagascar government has faced challenges in managing its refugee population, which includes individuals fleeing conflict and persecution from neighboring countries such as Mozambique and South Africa. A desk-based research approach was employed, examining existing laws, policies, and case law related to refugee status determination and integration in Madagascar. Recent data indicates that approximately 20% of the country's asylum applications are from individuals seeking protection due to conflict and persecution, with a significant portion originating from Mozambique. Madagascar's legal system needs further refinement to effectively manage its refugee population while ensuring compliance with international standards and facilitating integration efforts. The government should consider revising existing legislation to harmonize it with the Refugee Convention, provide adequate resources for asylum seekers' camps, and enhance communication between different stakeholders involved in refugee management.

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