



Theoretical Foundations for Reducing Pre-Trial Detention within the Ugandan Criminal Justice System,

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Abstract

The Ugandan criminal justice system faces significant challenges in reducing pre-trial detention, which can lead to substantial delays and human rights abuses. Theoretical approaches are employed to analyse existing laws, judicial practices, and socio-economic factors influencing pre-trial detention durations in Uganda. Theoretical insights suggest a multi-faceted approach involving legislative amendments, judicial training, and public awareness campaigns to reduce pre-trial detention periods. Policy recommendations include revising laws related to bail conditions, enhancing training programmes for judges and prosecutors, and increasing community-based alternatives to incarceration.

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