



Community Policing Strategies in Ghanaian Urban Centers: An Evaluation of Youth Crime Prevention Programmes

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Abstract

Community policing strategies are crucial for addressing youth crime in urban settings, particularly in Ghanaian cities where socio-economic disparities and high youth unemployment contribute to criminal activities. The evaluation employs a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative data from surveys and interviews with qualitative insights gathered through focus group discussions and case studies of successful programmes. Data analysis focuses on correlating programme implementation with changes in crime rates over time. Findings indicate that community policing strategies effectively reduce juvenile delinquency by about 20% within the first year, significantly increasing public trust in law enforcement from 45% to 68%. Themes of improved communication and collaborative efforts between police and local communities emerged as key drivers of programme success. The evaluation supports the efficacy of community policing strategies in reducing youth crime. The findings suggest that a more proactive, participatory approach by law enforcement can foster better public safety outcomes. Based on these results, it is recommended that policymakers consider expanding and standardising community policing initiatives across Ghanaian urban centers to achieve broader public safety benefits.

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