



Comparative Examination of Legal Aid Services for Elderly Migrants in Southern African Cities and Towns within Guinea-Bissau's Context

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Abstract

This study examines legal aid services for elderly migrants in Southern African cities and towns within Guinea-Bissau's context. Qualitative data was collected through interviews with legal aid providers, service users (elderly migrants), and relevant stakeholders such as government officials and non-governmental organizations operating in Guinea-Bissau's Southern cities and towns. Focus groups were also used to gather insights from community members. Findings indicate that while there is a significant demand for legal aid services among elderly migrants, the current provision often fails to meet their specific needs due to limited resources and awareness of available options. The study concludes with recommendations aimed at enhancing access to legal aid services for elderly migrants by improving service delivery models, increasing public awareness, and integrating migrant-specific support into existing programmes. Recommendations include developing culturally sensitive educational materials, establishing dedicated migrant legal aid hotlines, and collaborating with local NGOs to provide more targeted assistance.

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