



# The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Guinea-Bissau: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

Natural resource extraction is a critical sector in Guinea-Bissau's economy, yet its governance remains opaque and subject to corruption. A mixed-methods approach combining semi-structured interviews with 120 local stakeholders and a survey of 250 community members to explore perceptions and experiences related to resource extraction. Findings indicate that corruption is pervasive in the sector, affecting both public officials and private extractive companies. Interviews revealed instances where bribes were accepted for favorable contracts or land deals. The mixed methods study highlights corruption as a significant barrier to sustainable development in Guinea-Bissau's resource-rich but corrupt governance environment. Strengthen anti-corruption measures and enhance transparency in natural resource management to foster accountability and equitable economic growth. natural resources, corruption, mixed methods, Guinea-Bissau, African studies

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