



Land Reform and Socio-Economic Dynamics in Post-Emergency Kenya: A Phenomenological Approach

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Abstract

Post-emergency Kenya has seen significant socio-economic challenges following decades of conflict and political instability. Land reform remains a contentious issue in the country's development agenda. The research employs a phenomenological approach, utilising semi-structured interviews with stakeholders including farmers, community leaders, and government officials to capture nuanced perspectives on the reform process. Data analysis focuses on themes of fairness, justice, and socio-economic integration. Findings indicate that while land reform has led to increased agricultural productivity in some regions, it also raises concerns about equitable distribution and sustainable livelihoods for marginalized groups. Themes such as perceived inequity and community solidarity emerge prominently across interviews. The study concludes that while initial steps towards fair land distribution have been taken, sustained support is necessary to ensure long-term socio-economic stability and resilience in affected communities. Recommendations include the need for ongoing dialogue between reform stakeholders, increased investment in infrastructure and education within rural areas, and measures to address lingering social inequalities.

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