



# Language Revitalization and Cultural Identity in Ethiopian Communities

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## Abstract

Language revitalization efforts in Ethiopia have become a focal point for cultural identity preservation among diverse communities. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys was employed to gather data from various ethnic groups across Ethiopia. The analysis revealed a significant correlation between active language learning programmes and increased community pride in cultural heritage, particularly among younger generations exposed to multiple languages. Language revitalization is essential for maintaining cultural identity and should be integrated into broader educational policies to foster inclusivity and diversity. Governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) should prioritise funding for language education programmes that include community-led initiatives and cross-cultural exchanges.

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