



Land Reform and Socio-Economic Transformations in Post-Elimu Era Zambia,: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Land reform in Zambia has been a contentious issue since the end of colonial rule in . The post-Elimu era marked significant socio-economic transformations, including shifts in land ownership patterns and agricultural productivity. The research utilizes a combination of secondary data analysis (including census records and government reports) and primary data collection techniques such as structured questionnaires and semi-structured interviews. The sample includes rural communities with varying levels of land reform intervention. Quantitative results indicate that households receiving formalized land titles experienced an average increase in agricultural output by 15% compared to those without formal titles, highlighting the positive impact on productivity. The mixed methods approach reveals nuanced socio-economic impacts of land reform, underscoring the need for tailored policies to address diverse local contexts and support sustainable development. Policy recommendations include continued support for formalization processes alongside targeted interventions to enhance smallholder farmers' access to markets and inputs.

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