



Land Reform in Comoros: Socio-Economic Impacts and Dynamics

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Abstract

Comoros is a small island nation in East Africa where land rights are often contentious due to historical colonial practices and recent political instability. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data analysis from government records to assess changes in land ownership patterns and economic indicators post-reform. Post-reform surveys indicate a significant increase (25%) in the number of smallholder farmers now owning their own lands, though income levels remain relatively low compared to pre-reform periods. While reforms have led to greater land security for many rural residents, economic benefits are yet to be fully realised, suggesting ongoing challenges and areas needing further policy attention. Intensify support programmes targeting smallholder farmers, including access to credit and market linkages, to maximise the socio-economic gains from reform efforts.

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