



# Land Reform and Socio-Economic Impacts in Zimbabwe: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

Land reform in Zimbabwe has been a contentious issue since its introduction following the end of white minority rule in . The research employs both qualitative interviews with local stakeholders and quantitative data analysis from household surveys, providing a comprehensive understanding of the reforms' effects. A significant proportion (35%) of former small-scale farmers have transitioned to larger farms, yet face challenges such as limited access to credit and infrastructure. The findings highlight both positive changes in productivity and livelihoods alongside persistent issues that require targeted support for sustainable development. Policy makers should prioritise improving agricultural extension services and enhancing rural financial markets to facilitate the success of land reform initiatives.

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