



Environmental Justice Movements in Ethiopian Resource-Rich Regions: A Qualitative Exploration

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Abstract

This study examines environmental justice movements in resource-rich regions of Ethiopia, focusing on the country's diverse landscapes and socio-political dynamics. A qualitative study employing semi-structured interviews with activists, policymakers, and community leaders was conducted in resource-rich regions of Ethiopia. Data collection focused on open-ended questions to capture nuanced perspectives. Community-based initiatives have significantly influenced policy reforms, particularly regarding water management practices. For instance, a notable movement led to the establishment of more than 50 new water supply points across affected areas. The findings highlight the pivotal role of grassroots movements in shaping environmental policies and improving resource distribution in Ethiopia's resource-rich regions. Policy makers should integrate community feedback into policy development processes, ensuring equitable distribution of benefits from natural resources. Enhanced collaboration between local communities and government institutions is recommended to address ongoing challenges effectively.

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