



The Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction in Post-Economic Crisis Uganda, c. 2005

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Abstract

The study examines the political economy of natural resource extraction in post-economic crisis Uganda, focusing on central Africa's rich mineral and agricultural resources. The research employs in-depth interviews with key stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and local communities. These insights are analysed using thematic content analysis to uncover patterns and themes related to resource extraction's impacts on Ugandan society and economy. A significant proportion (45%) of the interviewed community members expressed concerns over environmental degradation due to mining activities, highlighting a critical tension between economic development and ecological sustainability. This study underscores the need for more equitable governance frameworks that integrate sustainable resource management practices into Ugandan policy decisions. Policy recommendations include strengthening regulatory bodies tasked with overseeing extractive industries, promoting public participation in resource decision-making processes, and fostering community-led initiatives to mitigate environmental damage.

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