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Methodological Evaluation of Industrial Machinery Fleets in Uganda Using Difference-in-Differences for Risk Reduction Analysis

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Abstract

Industrial machinery fleets play a crucial role in the Ugandan economy by facilitating various sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and construction. A difference-in-differences (DiD) model was applied to assess changes in machinery fleet utilization and maintenance practices across different regions of Uganda before and after implementing new safety protocols. The DiD approach compares the change in outcomes between treatment and control groups over time, with robust standard errors accounting for potential confounding factors. Significant improvement ($p<0.05$) was observed in machinery fleet utilization rates by 20% post-intervention compared to pre-intervention levels. The DiD model demonstrated a clear reduction in risk events related to industrial machinery operations, supporting the effectiveness of the new safety protocols. Further randomized controlled trials should be conducted to validate these findings and explore additional interventions for continuous improvement. Difference-in-Differences, Industrial Machinery Fleets, Risk Reduction, Uganda The maintenance outcome was modelled as $Y\{\} = beta\,0 + beta\,1\,X\{\} + ui + varepsilon\{\}$, with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

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