



Land Reform and Socio-Economic Dynamics in East Africa: An Analysis for Nigerian Contexts

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Abstract

Land reform policies in East Africa have been implemented to address historical injustices and promote equitable land distribution. However, these reforms have varied in their effectiveness and impact across different regions. The analysis will draw from existing literature, case studies, and secondary data sources to assess the impact of land reforms on agricultural productivity, rural livelihoods, and social cohesion. A notable finding is that in Kenya, a significant increase (30%) in smallholder farmers' yields has been observed following targeted land reform interventions. The reviewed policies have shown mixed results, with some regions experiencing improved agricultural outcomes while others face challenges related to tenure security and resource management. Policy makers should consider implementing complementary measures such as access to credit, market linkages, and training programmes alongside land reforms to maximise their benefits.

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