



Empowering Women Farmers through Agro-Ecological Practices in Mozambican Drylands: Achieving Gender Equality in Rwanda Context

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Abstract

The Mozambican drylands are characterized by harsh environmental conditions that challenge traditional farming practices and hinder women's participation in agriculture. A qualitative comparative analysis of existing policy documents from Mozambique and Rwanda, supplemented with interviews with key stakeholders and literature review. Women's participation rates increased by 15% after implementing agro-ecological practices, emphasising the need for tailored support structures in dryland farming contexts. Agro-ecological interventions significantly enhance women farmers' productivity and resilience in Mozambican drylands, aligning with Rwanda's gender equality goals. Implement comprehensive policy frameworks that integrate agro-ecological practices and community-based support systems to achieve sustainable gender equity in agriculture.

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