



Investment Climate Dynamics and Foreign Direct Investment Attraction in Mozambique,

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Abstract

Mozambique is a developing country facing challenges in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), despite its strategic location and potential for economic growth. Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders such as government officials, private sector representatives, and international organizations operating in Mozambique. Data collection utilised open-ended questions designed to elicit insights into current investment climate dynamics. Interviews revealed that the perceived risk of political instability remains a significant deterrent for potential investors. Moreover, the complexity of regulatory frameworks and bureaucratic inefficiencies are highlighted as major hurdles to establishing business operations in Mozambique. The qualitative data suggest that improving governance, enhancing transparency in the legal system, and streamlining administrative processes could significantly enhance Mozambique's investment climate and thus FDI attraction. Policy recommendations include strengthening anti-corruption measures, simplifying bureaucratic procedures, and providing more predictable regulatory environments to attract foreign direct investment. Additionally, fostering international partnerships can help address challenges in the business environment.

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