



# Land Tenure Systems and Agricultural Investment in Mozambique: A Comparative Analysis

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## Abstract

Land tenure systems in Mozambique are diverse and have evolved over time, influencing agricultural productivity and investment patterns. A mixed-methods approach involving both quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews was employed, with data collected from 150 randomly selected farmers in four distinct geographical areas representing varying land tenure regimes. The analysis reveals that community-managed lands have yielded higher crop yields by a statistically significant margin ( $t(149) = 2.34$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), suggesting improved resource management and collective decision-making among farmers. Findings indicate that equitable land tenure systems can lead to enhanced agricultural productivity and income stability for smallholder farmers in Mozambique. Policy makers are recommended to promote community-based land management practices as a strategy to boost rural economic development and food security. Land Tenure Systems, Agricultural Investment, Mozambique, Crop Yields, Farmer Income

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