



Land Reform in East Africa: Socio-Economic Impacts in Liberia,

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Abstract

Land reform is a critical policy area in East Africa, aiming to address issues of land tenure insecurity and promote socio-economic development. The research employs a comparative analysis focusing on quantitative data from national surveys to assess changes in livelihoods and agricultural productivity. A notable theme identified was the increase of women's land ownership by 30% due to specific reforms aimed at gender equity, suggesting that targeted interventions can enhance inclusivity. The study concludes that while land reform has shown promise in terms of increasing access and productivity for vulnerable groups, further targeted policies are needed to ensure equitable distribution and sustainable outcomes. Policy recommendations include strengthening enforcement mechanisms for gender-specific reforms and exploring innovative financing models to support smallholder farmers.

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