



Microfinance Programmes and Economic Empowerment Among Women Entrepreneurs in Nairobi Slums, Kenya 2004

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Abstract

Microfinance programmes have been introduced in Nairobi slums to empower women entrepreneurs economically. A survey was conducted with a sample size of 200 women entrepreneurs from various Nairobi slum communities. Data were collected through structured interviews and questionnaires focusing on financial management, business growth, and social support networks. Women who participated in microfinance programmes reported significant improvements in their financial stability with an average increase of 35% in monthly income compared to those not participating. Microfinance programmes significantly enhance economic empowerment among Nairobi slum women entrepreneurs by improving their financial management and business growth opportunities. Further research should explore long-term impacts, policy implications for government support, and the role of community involvement in microfinance programme success.

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