



Language Revitalization and Cultural Identity in Burkina Faso: An Action Research Study in East Africa Context

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Abstract

Language revitalization efforts in Burkina Faso are crucial for preserving cultural identity amidst global linguistic homogenization. This action research employs participatory methods with local stakeholders and community members to assess changes in language use and cultural practices over a period of two years. Participants reported a significant increase (50%) in daily language use among younger generations, indicating revitalization efforts are effective in fostering cultural continuity. Language revitalization programmes have successfully enhanced the visibility and practice of indigenous languages, thereby strengthening cultural identity within East African communities. Governmental support for community-led language revival initiatives should be increased to ensure long-term sustainability and effectiveness. language revitalization, cultural identity, Burkina Faso, action research

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