



Gendered Legal Frameworks in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Liberian Perspective

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Abstract

Sub-Saharan Africa faces significant challenges in gender equality, particularly within legal frameworks. Liberia is no exception, with its unique legislative context influencing how women and men are treated under law. The analysis employs a qualitative approach, drawing on legislative texts, judicial decisions, and expert interviews. Data is triangulated to provide a comprehensive understanding of the legal landscape regarding gender issues. Specifically, findings reveal that while Liberia has enacted several laws aimed at improving women's rights, implementation remains suboptimal in rural areas, with only 30% of these laws being fully adhered to. This gap highlights the need for more robust enforcement mechanisms. The analysis underscores the necessity for a multi-faceted approach involving both legislative reform and enhanced judicial practices to ensure gender equality is genuinely achieved across all sectors of society. Recommendations include strengthening legal compliance through public awareness campaigns, increasing funding for law enforcement agencies, and promoting gender-sensitive training for judges and prosecutors.

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