



Land Law Reforms and Tenure Security in Rwanda: A Mixed Methods Inquiry

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Abstract

Rwanda has implemented significant land law reforms aimed at enhancing tenure security for its diverse population, including smallholder farmers and urban dwellers. The research utilizes a combination of structured interviews with legal experts, focus group discussions among community leaders and farmers, and secondary data analysis from government records. Quantitative surveys are administered to assess changes in land ownership patterns and perceptions of security among different demographic groups. A survey conducted among 300 respondents revealed that approximately 75% reported improved confidence in their land rights post-reforms, with significant declines in disputes over land use and inheritance. The mixed methods approach has provided nuanced insights into the effectiveness of Rwanda's land law reforms across various stakeholder groups. The findings underscore the need for ongoing monitoring to ensure sustained tenure security. Policy makers should consider extending support to vulnerable communities through targeted interventions, such as legal aid and community mediation services, to address lingering issues related to land disputes. Rwanda, Land Law Reforms, Tenure Security, Mixed Methods Study

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