



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich Ethiopian Communities,

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements are emerging in resource-rich communities across Africa, reflecting growing awareness of environmental degradation and its social impacts. The research employs qualitative methods including semi-structured interviews with community leaders, focus group discussions, and document analysis of local environmental policies. Data collection was conducted through personal observations in selected mining areas and secondary data review from official government sources. Findings indicate that while a minority (30%) of communities have established formal environmental justice groups, these movements are predominantly led by youth activists who advocate for sustainable development practices and equitable resource distribution. The study highlights the resilience and potential of local environmental justice initiatives in catalyzing change within resource-rich mining landscapes in Ethiopia. Recommendations include strengthening community-led environmental advocacy, enhancing government support for grassroots organizations, and fostering collaborative frameworks between stakeholders to address environmental concerns effectively.

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