



# Land Reform in Egypt: An Ethnographic Exploration of Socio-Economic Transformations in East Africa (1980s)

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## Abstract

Land reform has been a contentious issue in Egypt since the mid-1970s, particularly as it relates to socio-economic transformations within East Africa. The research employs participant observation and semi-structured interviews to gather data from local farmers, community leaders, and government officials. Ethnographic methods are used to capture nuanced insights into social dynamics and policy implementation. A significant proportion (60%) of respondents reported improvements in crop yields following land reform interventions, though challenges with water access and market integration persisted for many communities. The findings suggest that while land reforms have brought about some socio-economic benefits, they also face substantial barriers related to resource management and market accessibility. Policy recommendations include enhancing support systems for smallholder farmers in terms of irrigation infrastructure and marketing networks, alongside promoting agricultural diversification strategies.

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