



## **Entrepreneurship Dynamics in Lagos' Informal Sector: Opportunities and Challenges**

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### **Abstract**

The informal sector in Lagos, Nigeria is a significant part of the country's economy, comprising over 50% of all businesses and employing millions of people. Despite its importance, it faces numerous challenges such as limited access to formal financial services, regulatory barriers, and high operational costs. The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative data analysis from existing government reports and surveys conducted among informal sector entrepreneurs in Lagos. Entrepreneurship within the informal sector is characterized by high levels of innovation, despite operating under stringent regulatory environments. A notable finding is that approximately 70% of entrepreneurs reported facing challenges related to access to credit, with over 60% indicating difficulties accessing formal financial services. The findings highlight a complex interplay between the advantages and disadvantages of operating within an informal sector framework in Lagos. Policy recommendations focus on improving regulatory environments, enhancing access to finance, and promoting entrepreneurship education. Policy makers should prioritise reforms that reduce bureaucratic hurdles for entrepreneurs while also supporting financial inclusion initiatives aimed at providing affordable credit options to informally employed individuals.

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