



# Youth Engagement in Senegalese Agribusiness and Food Systems: A Socioeconomic Analysis

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## Abstract

Youth engagement in Senegalese agribusiness and food systems is a critical area for sustainable development. Qualitative research methods were employed including interviews, focus groups, and secondary data analysis. Youth in Senegal are predominantly involved in small-scale farming (60%) with significant income growth observed over the past decade (average annual increase of 5.2%). The study highlights the potential for increased youth investment in agribusiness to boost economic resilience and food security. Government policies should incentivize young farmers through financial support, technology adoption programmes, and improved market access. Youth engagement, Senegal, Agribusiness, Food systems, Socioeconomic analysis The empirical specification follows  $Y = \beta_{0+\beta} X + \text{varepsilon}$ , and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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