



Land Law Reforms and Tenure Security in Rwanda: An Analytical Study

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Abstract

Rwanda has undergone significant land law reforms aimed at enhancing tenure security for its diverse population, including both formal and customary land rights holders. The research employed a qualitative approach through interviews with local leaders, community members, and government officials. Focus groups were also conducted to gather insights on perceptions of tenure security. Interviews revealed that while formal law reforms have improved documentation processes for land titles, customary rights holders continue to face challenges in accessing legal recognition, particularly in rural areas where customary practices predominate. The qualitative data suggests a need for more inclusive and culturally sensitive policy frameworks to ensure equitable land tenure security across Rwanda's diverse landscapes. Policy recommendations include strengthening community-led initiatives that support customary rights holders and integrating traditional governance structures into formal legal processes.

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