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Methodological Evaluation of Panel Data Estimation for Efficiency Gains in Tanzanian Manufacturing Plants Systems

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Abstract

Manufacturing plants in Tanzania have been identified as crucial components of the national economy, yet their operational efficiency varies significantly across different sectors and regions. Panel data estimation techniques such as the Two-Stage Least Squares (2SLS) method will be employed to analyse efficiency scores among surveyed plants, incorporating both fixed effects and random effects models for robust analysis. The application of panel-data methods revealed significant variations in efficiency gains across different manufacturing sectors, with some demonstrating substantial improvements over time due to targeted interventions. Overall, the study provides empirical evidence supporting the efficacy of panel data estimation techniques in quantifying and understanding efficiency dynamics within Tanzanian manufacturing systems. Recommendation for policymakers is to prioritise implementation of identified efficiency-improvement strategies based on sector-specific findings, potentially leading to broader economic benefits. Manufacturing Efficiency Panel Data Two-Stage Least Squares (2SLS) Tanzania The empirical specification follows $Y = \vec{\beta_{0+\beta}} p\, X + varepsilon$, and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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