



Historical Foundations of Contemporary African Governance Challenges in Equatorial Guinea

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Abstract

Contemporary African governance in Equatorial Guinea has been shaped by historical contexts that vary across regions and ethnic groups. A mixed methods study combining qualitative interviews with quantitative survey data to analyse perceptions of governance effectiveness among local residents. Interviews revealed a significant proportion (45%) of respondents felt that historical ethnic divisions hindered equitable public services, while surveys showed underutilization rates of government services by marginalized groups stood at 28%. Historical inequalities persist in governance effectiveness, with ethnic tensions impacting resource distribution and public trust. Policy recommendations include strengthening inter-ethnic dialogue mechanisms to enhance equitable access to public services.

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