



Gender and Power Dynamics in Burundi's Political Transitions, 2012

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Abstract

The study examines gender dynamics within Burundi's political transitions following its civil war in . A qualitative approach was employed, analysing interviews with key stakeholders including government officials, civil society leaders, and community members across the country. Focus groups were conducted to gather insights from both men and women participants about gendered power dynamics. Women's representation in local governance bodies increased by 20% compared to pre-transition levels, but their influence is often constrained by patriarchal norms and limited resources. The findings suggest that while there has been progress towards greater gender equality, significant barriers remain in terms of policy implementation and public perception. Policy makers should prioritise inclusive governance structures and address cultural biases to enhance women's participation effectively.

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