



Land Reform and Socio-Economic Transformation in Ethiopian East Africa,

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Abstract

Land reform in Ethiopia has been a subject of significant socio-economic debate, with particular focus on its impact on rural communities and agricultural productivity. The research employs a qualitative approach, utilising in-depth interviews with stakeholders including farmers, local government officials, and community leaders. Data analysis focuses on thematic synthesis to uncover patterns and themes within the data. Interviews revealed that land reform policies have led to mixed outcomes; while some farmers benefited from increased access to arable land, others experienced marginalization due to complex bureaucratic processes. Land reform in Ethiopia has contributed to both positive and negative socio-economic transformations. The findings highlight the need for more inclusive implementation strategies to maximise benefits and mitigate adverse effects. Policy recommendations include enhancing transparency in land distribution processes, improving access to credit and markets for smallholders, and promoting community-led initiatives that respect traditional land rights.

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