



Access to Justice in Urban Slums of Uganda: A Survey Research

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Abstract

Urban slums in Uganda present unique challenges to access to justice for vulnerable populations due to socio-economic disparities and limited legal infrastructure. A mixed-methods approach was employed, combining structured interviews with focus groups among residents and local practitioners. Data were collected through a survey targeting vulnerable populations in selected slums. The survey revealed a significant proportion (35%) of respondents encountered delays exceeding legal timelines for justice-seeking processes, highlighting systemic inefficiencies. Urban slum dwellers face substantial obstacles to accessing timely and effective legal services, underscoring the need for tailored interventions and policy reforms. Policy recommendations include enhancing community-based mediation platforms and improving integration of informal court systems with formal judicial processes in urban slums. access to justice, urban slums, vulnerable populations, Kampala, legal infrastructure

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