



Gender Dynamics in Sub-Saharan African Law: A Focus on Central African Republic

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Abstract

Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly Central African Republic (CAR), has a complex legal landscape that intersects with gender dynamics in various ways. The study employs a mixed-method approach combining quantitative data analysis from court decisions and qualitative interviews with local legal practitioners and community leaders in CAR's main cities. Quantitative analysis reveals that gender bias is prevalent in court judgments regarding inheritance disputes, where females are often awarded significantly less than males. Qualitative insights suggest resistance to change due to deeply ingrained cultural norms. While acknowledging current challenges, the study highlights opportunities for legal reform and community education to promote more equitable gender justice within CAR's legal system. Local authorities should prioritise training on gender-sensitive jurisprudence among judicial officers. Community-led initiatives can foster understanding of women's rights through dialogue and support networks.

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