



Informal Sector Dynamics and Legal Frameworks in Uganda's Urban Areas,

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Abstract

This study examines the dynamics of the informal sector within urban areas of Uganda, focusing on how legal frameworks affect its development and operation. Qualitative research methods were employed, involving interviews with key stakeholders such as business owners, government officials, and community leaders to gather insights on the informal sector's operations and its relationship with Ugandan laws. Focus groups and document analysis also complemented this approach. The findings indicate that while there are legal frameworks in place, significant gaps exist, particularly concerning property rights and tax regulations which hinder the sector's growth and formalization. This study highlights the need for a more comprehensive legal framework that aligns better with the realities of the informal sector to facilitate its transition towards greater stability and compliance with laws. Recommendations include revising existing legal provisions, introducing incentives for compliance, and enhancing enforcement mechanisms to support the integration of the informal sector into formal systems.

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