



Environmental Justice Movements in Ghanaian Resource-Rich Communities: An Action Research Study

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Abstract

Environmental justice movements are gaining prominence globally, particularly in resource-rich communities facing environmental degradation due to extractive industries. A mixed-methods approach involving semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis was employed to gather data from local stakeholders and government officials. Community-led environmental justice movements have successfully pressured local authorities into adopting more stringent regulations on mining operations, resulting in a 40% reduction in pollution levels over the past year. The study underscores the critical role of community engagement in shaping effective environmental policies and highlights the need for sustained support to these movements. Policy makers should prioritise stakeholder participation in policy development and enforcement, while communities require continuous education on their rights and resources available to them.

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