

LAND ACQUISITION AND LIVELIHOODS IN RURAL AREAS OF MOROGORO  
DISTRICT OF TANZANIA: POLICY AND PRACTICE

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ABSTRACT

This study had three specific objectives: to assess the rural communities' awareness of the national land policy and the village land Act, to examine the actual processes of acquiring land through the village government and to analyse constraints facing rural people to acquire land through the village government. A cross-section survey method was employed whereby a sample of 86 respondents was used. Data was collected through interviews and focus group discussions. SPSS and content analysis were used to analyse the data. The findings indicated low awareness of land policy among respondents. Also, the process involved in acquiring village land did not follow land policy guidelines. Furthermore, lack of transparency and bureaucracy in land allocation process were identified as the major limitations for rural people to acquire land through the village government. The study recommended that rural people must be empowered in order the implementation of land policy to be effective.

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