



2.2 European Union Infrastructural Development Programs and Economic Growth in Mogadishu, Somalia

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ABSTRACT

This research assesses the impact of European Union-funded infrastructural development programs on economic growth in Mogadishu, Somalia. A mixed-methods approach combines quantitative analysis of economic indicators with qualitative data from stakeholder interviews, including local officials, community members, and EU representatives. The findings demonstrate a significant positive correlation between EU infrastructure investments and local economic growth, evidenced by increased GDP and improved urban connectivity. These projects have also generated substantial employment opportunities, particularly in the construction sector and through associated vocational training programs. The study highlights the critical role of effective governance mechanisms—such as capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and transparency measures—in ensuring project efficiency and accountability. Despite these positive outcomes, challenges related to security and potential corruption pose risks to project implementation and sustainability. Recommendations include strengthening local governance frameworks, enhancing security coordination, promoting greater transparency in project management, and expanding vocational training to maximize and sustain the long-term economic benefits of infrastructure development in fragile urban settings.

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