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“Does Migration Undermine Community-Based Governance: A Comparative Analysis of Community Forestry Institutions in Lake Victoria”



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To understand whether communities with higher rates of in and out migration are less likely to support community-based governance, I analyze support for forestry institutions among communities with varying rates of migration. This study is crucial because the determinants of successful forestry institutions are not well understood. Moreover, although migratory impacts on community bonds are extensively studied, the impact of migration on community-based governance has received insufficient attention. Focusing on Buvuma Island (Uganda), I use the Institutional Analysis and Development framework to analyze both the existing rules for governing forest reserves and the interactions in the action arena. The IAD-guided analysis allows me to formulate hypotheses about the relationship between migration and support for forestry institutions. I then test the hypotheses using recent data from randomly selected communities on the Island. Preliminary results suggest that community-based governance is more successful when a community has experienced low rates of previous migration.

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