

A FEMINIST CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF QUANTITATIVE APPROACHES IN THE MIXED METHODS BASELINE STUDY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5 IN KENYA

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Abstract

Feminist scholars have in the past upheld qualitative research methods and rejected or argued for the modification of quantitative research methods, but mixed methods are steadily becoming popular. While developing Sustainable Development Goal 5 baseline indicators, this study uses feminist critical discourse analysis to revisit claims against quantitative approaches from the 2014 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS). The integrated results from the mixed methods convergent design study show that the approach usefully triangulates the findings. The 2014 KDHS, though suitable for showing trends and prevalence rates, has instances of gender related bias, excludes minorities, and invisibles violent acts against women and girls related to public unrest. This article contributes to the promotion of mixed methods for feminist research.

This study uses as secondary sources the 2014 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey report and data which are available on www.dhsprogram.com.

Figure: The Mixed Methods Convergent Design Informed by a Feminist Lens

Feminist Lens

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