

Mmusi and Others v Ramantele — Botswana's Court of Appeal Ruling Ending Male-Only Customary Inheritance

Gender Equality · Good practice · Botswana

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

In 2013 Botswana's Court of Appeal ruled that Ngwaketse customary law reserving the family home for the youngest son violated constitutional equality, granting three sisters in Kanye the right to inherit — a landmark precedent for women's property rights.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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