

Application of the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) in assessing employment impacts within Zambia

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This study, explores the application of the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) in assessing employment impacts within Zambia. The SAM framework, a comprehensive economic accounting system, integrates various data sources to provide a detailed representation of economic transactions and their effects on employment.

The research addresses the following key questions:

1. How can the SAM be effectively utilized to measure employment changes across different sectors?
2. What are the specific employment impacts of various economic policies and external shocks in Zambia?

Methodologically, the study employs a SAM-based multiplier analysis to quantify the direct, indirect, and induced employment effects. The data used includes national accounts, household surveys, and labor statistics, ensuring a robust and comprehensive analysis.

The novelty of this research lies in its application of the SAM framework to a developing country context, providing valuable insights into the employment dynamics and policy implications for Zambia. The findings highlight the critical sectors driving employment and the potential impacts of policy interventions, offering a valuable tool for policymakers and stakeholders in designing effective employment strategies.