

Mitigating Economic Disparities: Analyzing the Efficacy of Targeted Fiscal Policies in Post-Pandemic Recovery

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Abstract. This study investigates the impact of targeted fiscal policies on economic disparities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, we analyze case studies from various countries and conduct econometric analyses to assess the effectiveness of these policies in promoting equitable recovery. Our findings reveal that tailored fiscal interventions significantly reduce income inequality and enhance economic resilience, particularly in vulnerable sectors. The results underscore the necessity for policymakers to adopt a nuanced approach in fiscal planning to address the ongoing challenges of disparity and support sustainable growth in the post-pandemic landscape.

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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has precipitated unprecedented economic challenges globally, significantly amplifying disparities in income and access to resources. As countries strive for recovery, it is paramount to address these inequalities to foster inclusive economic growth. The World Bank estimates that the pandemic has pushed millions into poverty, particularly affecting marginalized communities who were already vulnerable before the

crisis. This situation necessitates the evaluation of targeted fiscal policies designed to alleviate economic disparities and promote equitable recovery. In the context of rapidly evolving economic conditions, there is a critical need to understand how different fiscal strategies can effectively address these disparities while stimulating overall economic activity. In light of these challenges, our study aims to dissect the efficacy of various targeted fiscal policies implemented in the aftermath of the pandemic. We will employ a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative case studies with quantitative econometric analysis. The case studies will provide insights into real-world applications and outcomes of fiscal interventions, while the econometric analysis will statistically evaluate their impact on economic indicators related to inequality and growth. The paper is structured as follows: we begin with a review of the existing literature on fiscal policies and economic inequality, followed by a detailed methodology section outlining our research design and data sources. Next, we present the results of our analyses, discussing the implications for policymakers and the potential for replicating successful strategies in other contexts. Finally, we conclude with recommendations for future fiscal planning that prioritizes equity alongside growth.

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