



Vyama: Institutions of Hope - Ordinary People s Market Coordination Society Organization Alternatives

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Nsemia Inc., United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This book makes the case for informal sector institutions in development theory. Through practical examples and interviews conducted in Kenya, the author captures how ordinary people organize themselves to meet daily economic and development challenges. The author traces how ordinary people (wananchi) use non- mainstream mechanisms in the form vyama (social groups) to enable individual, group and community development. The book offers insights into the evolution of vyama (institutions of hope) and the role these institutions continue to play in realizing economic growth: wealth creation and distribution; investments, social protection; and general community development. The work shows how, despite historical disruptions, modernization and neo-liberal policies, ordinary people creatively borrow from tradition. In the process, they use collective mechanisms for resource mobilization, investment, risk-sharing and shared gains for the common good. The author offers pointers into the future and how the chama concept can become mainstream in a people s economic development. What others say The analysis is rigorous. It is highly original, emotive, and an excellent piece of work. It makes a major contribution to our knowledge...



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