



Implementing Universal Basic Income in Cape Town's Informal Settlements: Empowering Youth Economically in South Africa 2004

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Abstract

The study examines the implementation of Universal Basic Income (UBI) in Cape Town's informal settlements to assess its impact on youth economic empowerment. The study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative data from surveys with qualitative insights from interviews and focus groups conducted across five randomly selected informal settlements. A notable proportion (35%) of youth participants reported increased income stability, leading to improved access to education and healthcare services. However, concerns about the sustainability of UBI emerged as a key challenge. The implementation of UBI in Cape Town's informal settlements has shown promise in enhancing economic empowerment among young residents but requires further refinement to ensure long-term viability. Future research should focus on developing comprehensive support systems alongside UBI, including vocational training and social services, to maximise its impact. Universal Basic Income, Cape Town, Youth Empowerment, Informal Settlements, South Africa

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