



# Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa

*A Feminist Political Economy Approach*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach with a focused emphasis on Ethiopia within the field of Business. It is structured as a policy analysis article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Informal Sector Employment, Feminist Political Economy, Political Economy Approach, Occupational Safety, Informal Sector, Sector Employment*

<p><b>Article Highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal sector workers face systemic OSH risks with gendered dimensions</li> <li>• Ethiopian case study reveals institutional gaps in policy frameworks</li> <li>• Feminist political economy foregrounds power relations in labour markets</li> <li>• African-centred approach prioritizes context-specific regulatory solutions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Policy Implications</b></p> <p>The analysis calls for gender-sensitive OSH frameworks that address the structural vulnerabilities of informal employment in African economies.</p> <p><i>This article employs a feminist political economy lens to examine occupational safety in Ethiopia's informal sector.</i></p>
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## Introduction

The introduction of Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach examines Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach in relation to Ethiopia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Business(Dinye et al., 2025)(Dinye et al., 2025). This section is written as a approximately 221 to 339 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Gezie et al., 2021)(Gezie et al., 2021). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Oweibia et al., 2025)(Oweibia et al., 2025).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach; explain why it matters in Ethiopia; define the article objective; preview the structure(Zhou et al., 2024). In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Zhou et al., 2024). Key scholarship informing this section includes Strategies for Upgrading Informal Settlements Towards a Robust Built Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa ), Exploring factors that contribute to human trafficking in Ethiopia: a socio-ecological perspective ), Maternal and Child Health Trends in Nigeria: A Scoping Review of NDHS 2018 vs.

NDHS 2023 ). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Policy Context, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on occupational safety and*

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for Ethiopia
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to occupational safety and
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Business
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the Ethiopia context.*

## Policy Context

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## **Policy Analysis Framework**

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This section follows Policy Context and leads into Policy Assessment, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## **Policy Assessment**

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## Results (Policy Data)

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## Implementation Challenges

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## Policy Recommendations

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## Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Ethiopia; note practical relevance. In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes One Health governance: theory, practice and ethics ), Strategies for Upgrading Informal Settlements Towards a

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Occupational Safety and Health in Informal Sector Employment in Africa: A Feminist Political Economy Approach; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Ethiopia; suggest a next step. In the context of Ethiopia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Strategies for Upgrading Informal Settlements Towards a Robust Built Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa ), Exploring factors that contribute to human trafficking in Ethiopia: a socio-ecological perspective ), Maternal and Child Health Trends in Nigeria: A Scoping Review of NDHS 2018 vs.

NDHS 2023 ). This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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