



Urbanization and Social Welfare in Informal Settlements of Moroccan Cities: A Socio-Spatial Analysis

Ziyad Ben Youssef¹, Ahmed El Hachmi^{2,3}

¹ Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, University Ibn Tofail, Kenitra

² Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech

³ University Ibn Tofail, Kenitra

Published: 16 June 2007 | **Received:** 03 March 2007 | **Accepted:** 19 April 2007

Correspondence: zyoussef@yahoo.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18860620](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18860620)

Author notes

Ziyad Ben Youssef is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, University Ibn Tofail, Kenitra and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Ahmed El Hachmi is affiliated with Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Abstract

Urbanization in Moroccan cities has led to rapid population growth and increased migration into informal settlements, posing challenges for social welfare. The study employs a qualitative research approach using semi-structured interviews with residents and local service providers to understand the complexities of social welfare delivery in these areas. Socio-spatial analysis reveals that urbanization has resulted in significant overcrowding, leading to a higher proportion (60%) of informal settlement dwellers living in conditions below basic standards. Urbanization exacerbates existing inequalities and necessitates targeted social welfare reforms to address the specific needs of residents in these settlements. Local authorities should prioritise inclusive planning that integrates socio-spatial dimensions, while service providers need to adopt more community-centric approaches to enhance effectiveness. Morocco, urbanization, informal settlements, social welfare, socio-spatial analysis

Keywords: *Informal Settlements, Urban Geography, Social Reproduction, Ethnography, Critical Theory, Participatory Methods, Spatial Justice*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge