



# Civic Engagement and Crime Rates in Kenyan Informal Settlements: A Theoretical Framework Analysis

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## Abstract

Civic engagement has emerged as a critical factor in crime prevention across various contexts, including urban areas with high levels of informal settlement populations such as those found in Kenya. The analysis will employ a qualitative approach, drawing on existing literature and expert opinions to construct an analytical model of civic engagement's impact on crime prevention in these settings. This theoretical framework provides a foundation for further empirical research and policy development aimed at enhancing civic engagement as a tool for crime prevention in Kenya's urban areas. Future research should focus on developing targeted community programmes to increase civic engagement, with the aim of reducing crime rates and improving social cohesion within informal settlements.

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