



Urbanization and Informal Settlements as Catalysts for Social Welfare Policy in Guinea-Bissau: A Theoretical Framework

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Abstract

Urbanization in Guinea-Bissau has led to rapid growth in informal settlements, exacerbating social welfare issues such as access to healthcare and education. This article employs qualitative analysis of existing literature on urban development, informal settlements, and social welfare systems in African cities. A theoretical framework is proposed to guide policy-making for improved access to healthcare and education in Guinea-Bissau's informal settlements. Policy recommendations include integrated urban development plans, targeted social welfare programmes, and community engagement initiatives.

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