



Urbanization and Informal Settlements in Namibian Cities: Implications for Social Welfare Systems,

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Abstract

Urbanization in Namibian cities has accelerated significantly over the past two decades, leading to the emergence of informal settlements that often lack adequate social welfare services. The research employs a comparative approach using secondary data from government reports, academic journals, and international organizations to assess the integration of informal settlements into urban planning frameworks and service provision. A notable finding is that over 40% of Namibian cities now house informal settlements, with varying levels of access to basic services such as sanitation, healthcare, and education compared to formal areas. The study concludes that current social welfare systems in urban Namibia are under significant strain due to the rapid growth of informal settlements. This has necessitated innovative policy responses to improve service delivery and equity across all segments of the population. Recommendations include the development of targeted interventions for informal settlements, enhanced collaboration between government agencies, and the integration of informal areas into urban planning policies to ensure equitable access to services.

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