



# Urbanization and Social Welfare in Ghanaian Informal Settlements: A Scholarly Review of Recent Literature

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## Abstract

Urbanization in African cities has accelerated rapidly, leading to significant growth of informal settlements where millions of people reside without formal urban infrastructure. A comprehensive analysis of existing research papers, books, and policy documents to synthesize findings related to social welfare provision in these contexts. The review highlights that while some initiatives have been introduced, there is a notable gap in the equitable distribution of services such as healthcare and education across different informal settlements. Despite efforts by local governments and international organizations, disparities persist due to geographical access barriers and resource allocation inefficiencies. Future research should focus on developing targeted interventions that address specific needs within these communities, including improved data collection methods for more accurate service distribution planning.

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