



# Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Social Welfare Dynamics in Ethiopian Cities, 2004

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## Abstract

Urbanization in Ethiopia has accelerated rapidly over recent decades, leading to significant challenges related to informal settlements and social welfare provision. The research employs mixed-methods approaches including qualitative interviews, quantitative surveys, and secondary data analysis to explore these phenomena across multiple cities. Urbanization has resulted in substantial growth in informal settlements, accounting for over 60% of all urban housing units in the study areas. Social welfare systems are often strained by rapid population increases and inadequate infrastructure. The findings suggest that effective planning and policy interventions are crucial to mitigate the adverse effects of urbanization on social welfare delivery. Policy-makers should prioritise investments in public services, housing development, and community engagement initiatives to support sustainable urban growth and equitable service distribution.

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