



Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Welfare in Egyptian Cities: A Policy Perspective

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Abstract

Urbanization in Egypt has led to rapid growth of informal settlements, posing significant challenges for social welfare systems. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys of residents living in informal settlements was employed to gather data. Informal settlement dwellers represent approximately 40% of urban populations and face significant challenges accessing basic services such as healthcare and education. The findings highlight the urgent need for targeted interventions that address both structural inequalities within these communities and gaps in social welfare provision. Policy recommendations include prioritising infrastructure development, improving access to healthcare facilities, and enhancing educational opportunities for residents of informal settlements.

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