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Abstract

The review focuses on studies examining urbanization, informal settlements, and welfare dynamics in Tanzanian cities within the field of African Studies. Reviews existing literature on urbanization and welfare policies, with an emphasis on qualitative case studies from various Tanzanian cities. The review identifies a significant trend of increasing informal settlements within city boundaries, accounting for at least 40% of the urban population in some major cities. These areas often lack basic infrastructure and social services. Current research underscores the urgent need for integrated welfare strategies that address both formal and informal sectors to ensure equitable access to essential services. Policy makers should prioritise inclusive planning frameworks that integrate informal settlements into urban development plans, alongside targeted welfare programmes addressing specific needs of these communities.

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