



Community Gardens and Economic Empowerment in Ethiopian Slums: Adoption Rate Analysis

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Abstract

Community gardens have been proposed as a solution to food security challenges in urban slums, particularly in Ethiopia where they can contribute to economic empowerment. A mixed-methods approach incorporating surveys and focus group discussions was employed to gather data from a sample population in selected urban slums. Community gardens were adopted by 45% of surveyed households, with higher adoption rates observed in areas with better access to water sources. The study highlights the potential for community gardens as an inclusive strategy for improving food security and economic conditions in Ethiopian slums. Policy makers should consider integrating community garden initiatives into urban development plans to enhance sustainability and impact.

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