

The Effects of Poor Settlement Layouts and Rapid Population Growth in Ghana

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SUMMARY

The high rate of urbanization and fast growing population of cities have impacted on land management. The main objective of this study that focused on the causes, effects and recommendations to know how land is managed in Ghana-informal settlements. The study analyzed how land can be effectively managed, challenges of land management and also some legal and institutional arrangements backing management of land and to come out with recommendation on how land can be managed effectively in the country. The study also analyzed the effects of poor settlement layouts at various study areas. From the study, it was observed that most conditions in areas had deteriorated considerably leading to poor sanitation, substandard of housing, lack of basic services and facilities and low generating income activities. It was further established that, the institutions in charge of managing land face a lot of challenges in undertaking their duties, some of the challenges are, political influence, delay in the release of funds, failure in reviewing plans and inadequate logistics, land litigation and disputes were also major challenges in the managing of lands. Efficient land administration in urban areas could promote development of communities and enhance socioeconomic growth.

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