

AN ASSESSMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOUSING POLICY IN ETHIOPIA, THE CASE OF ADDIS ABABA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT

Until very recently, the government of Ethiopia did not have an explicit housing policy. The Federal Ministry of Works and Urban Development is the leading agency entrusted with the responsibility for the provision of housing policy. Recently, the Ministry has prepared a policy proposal on housing development which serves as a guide for cities and regional governments in meeting the soaring housing demand in the country.

According to the expert of the Housing Development Agency of Addis Ababa, the Housing Development Policy of the city has four fundamental objectives. These are:

- Constructing houses for individuals who have no their own residence.
- Creating job opportunity. That is, creating different job opportunities for micro- and small enterprises.
- Fostering the construction sector. Since there are different contractors who have been involved in producing residential houses, they also grow together with the construction sector.
- Reconstructing or renewing slum areas.