

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN AFRICAN CITIES: EXPLORING THEORIES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM SIERRA LEONE

WEEK 4 Vulnerability and infrastructure

STEP 4.10 Peer assignment (ASSESSMENT)

Choose any issue that is negatively affecting the lives of the residents of an African city of your choice (or even better - of a specific neighbourhood).

Guidance for the assignment

You can draw from your personal, professional, or educational experience in writing your assignment. Please use materials, concepts, ideas or readings from the course to support what you write. It is suggested that you structure your assignment according to the following questions:

- What is the issue?
- Who is most affected by the issue and why?
- Are there any social diversity issues that underpin it, for example are some groups more affected than others?
- Does the issue relate to spatial injustice?
- What factors and processes have contributed to this issue and how?
- Which actors could contribute to its solution?

Your essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Remember to put a title and clearly indicate which country, city, or neighbourhood you are writing about. You are encouraged to choose your own issue, but some examples that would be suitable include flooding, traffic congestion, insecure tenure, evictions, poor solid waste management, or poor water and sanitation.

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STEP 4.11 Peer assignment (ASSESSMENT)

Guidance for the reviewer

In order to review assignments you must have submitted one yourself. As a peer reviewer your task is to actively engage with the content of another learner's assignment. You are not required to provide a mark for an assignment, but rather provide your reflections on the assignment in a positive and constructive manner. Please try to approach the review as an opportunity to learn about a new place.

You may wish to review the assessment criteria, which are:

- Critical reflection/originality
- Use of evidence/information
- Use of concepts and materials from the course to explain the issue
- Coherence and clarity
- Relevance and focus.

Based on these criteria you should write at least 150 words for your review. It can also be guided by these questions:

- What was the assignment's most interesting points?
- What did the assignment make you think about?
- What connection did you find between what you read in the assignment and what you know about a different place or situation?
- Is there something missing that would have helped you to better understand the situation?

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