

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT IN KADUNA NIGERIA

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Abstract

The paper examined the spatial and economic implications of the Kaduna urban renewal projects using a secondary research approach. Data was sourced from online resources, government institutions and documents, and also from oral interviews of some relevant government officials. Data was also analyzed through content analysis. Findings show that the urban renewal projects in the state largely focused on road redevelopment and revitalization, markets and neighbourhood centre redevelopment, and a few housing projects. Jobs were created through the projects; the aesthetic outlook of the study area was improved, however, several jobs and means of livelihood in the informal sector were also lost. The paper observed that the present Kaduna State Government is doing a lot through the projects to give Kaduna a new and befitting urban image, unmatched in scale by previous governments. The paper recommended the need for the government to fully adopt a people-centred approach that guarantees social and spatial justice in the course of all urban renewal projects.

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