Title of Article: Urban Housing and Social Development in Nigeria: Issues and Prospects

Author(s): Eziyi O. Ibe (Ph.D) & Egidario B. Aduwo (Ph.D)


Date:

Abstract: This paper presents urban housing crisis as one of the contemporary social challenges that ought to be considered within the framework of overall social policy in Nigeria. It explores the multidimensional impact of housing in promoting the quality of life, health, education, safety and security of individuals, households and communities. It argues that housing provision and social development are interwoven and that the declining level of social development in Nigeria stems from the inability of governments and stakeholders to respond adequately to contemporary housing challenges facing most low-income urban residents. Consequently, the paper suggests that priority attention be given to the formulation and application of an integrated policy and approach to dealing with urban housing and social development issues; and that all interest groups in the housing sector should collaborate in removing institutional and political barriers which hinder the evolution and adoption of efficient urban housing delivery system in Nigeria and other developing countries.