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healthy diets are linked to improved health outcomes including a reduced risk of heart disease cancer and obesity while the specifics of healthy diets remain a topic of ongoing debate most nutritional guidelines emphasize nutrient dense foods like whole grains fruits vegetables legumes and nuts while advocating for moderate consumption of animal sourced foods

this collection of essays is about the lives ideas and modes of interaction of children in ethiopia against the background that in depth knowledge of perceptions of cultural values and practices regarding children would contribute to improved work with them and to the promotion of their rights as children the study is supported by save the children sweden and norway and the essays are a collaboration between those bodies and the department of social anthropology at addis ababa university some essays are based on master theses from the department and others on fieldwork seminars and meetings formed part of the research with and about children the editor provides a theoretical methodological and ethical aspects overview and makes proposals on possible new themes the five other contributors cover conceptualizations of children and childhood the case of kolfe and semen mazegaja addis ababa growing up in town and in the countryside in amhara society continuity and change in the lives or urban and rural children the case of two schools in snnp conceptualizations of children and childhood in bishoftu oromia and children in ethiopian media and school textbooks

key messages undernutrition has declined over time but stunting still affects 40 percent of rural children and 25 percent of urban children micronutrient deficiencies especially deficiencies in folate zinc and vitamin d are a critical concern particularly for urban women and girls dietary quality is low in both rural and urban areas while urban diets are moderately more diverse than rural ones rising consumption of unhealthy foods is more of a concern than in rural areas at this time the cost of consuming a healthy diet in ethiopia increased from us 2 83 to 3 72 from 2017 2022 and over half of the population is currently unable to afford a healthy diet concurrent conflict and climate shocks are causing acute nutritional needs in some regions humanitarian food aid is key to reducing food insecurity and should be provided to households without access to land who rely on income for food purchases such as those in urban areas overweight and obesity are still uncommon among young children but are increasing rapidly among urban women in urban areas 20 percent of women are overweight compared to 4 percent in rural areas the rise in urban overweight is driven by lifestyle changes associated with urbanization and unhealthy

food environments which are associated with poor quality diets and reduced physical activity overnutrition and diet related noncommunicable diseases are especially prevalent in addis ababa food safety is a challenge and evidence is lacking on how to improve vendor safety knowledge and practices to protect consumer health national social protection programs often fail to reach the urban poor and lack explicit nutrition interventions in urban areas there is a need to design and test urban nutrition interventions that address both over and undernutrition such as double duty actions in urban populations

urban africa is undergoing a transformation unlike anywhere else in the world as unprecedented numbers of people migrate to rapidly expanding cities but despite the growing body of work on urban africa the lives of these new city dwellers have received relatively little attention particularly when it comes to crucial issues of power and inequality this interdisciplinary collection brings together contributions from urban studies geography and anthropology to provide new insights into the social and political dynamics of african cities as well as uncovering the causes and consequences of urban inequality featuring rich new ethnographic research data and case studies drawn from across the continent the collection shows that africa s new urbanites have adapted to their environs in ways which often defy the assumptions of urban planners by examining the experiences of these urban residents in confronting issues of power and agency the contributors consider how such insights can inform more effective approaches to research city planning and development both in africa and beyond

this book highlights the positive achievements that imperial ethiopia made in its journey towards urbanization into the modern era and undertakes a critical assessment of the economic political and social impediments that prevented the country from transitioning into a truly fully fledged modern urbanization it provides a comprehensive history of the growth of towns between 1887 and 1974 it is organized chronologically regionally and thematically divided into three distinct time periods during which ethiopian towns saw progresses and exposures to limited modern urban features first during 1887 1936 the country saw the creation and growth of a national capital 1887 that coordinated the country s economic and political activities and facilitated the growth of other towns in the empire it introduced new towns the railway modern schools and health centers rudimentary factories were established in addis ababa and dire dawa along with motor cars and modern roads which increased trade between cities the next era was the italian occupation from 1936 1941 which shook the pre existing process of urban growth by introducing a modern european style urbanization system ethiopian cities saw a qualitatively different way of urban growth in both form and content the italians introduced modern economic and physical planning administration and internal organization people were introduced to modern life in urban areas exposed to modern wage labor system and thus moved to

towns to take advantage of the opportunity the italian occupation left behind many features of modern urbanization and this influenced population exposed to modern consumptive tastes was determined to retain what the italians introduced finally the post italian period saw a new era of urban growth due to economic and organizational problems resulting from destructions caused by the war the process of urban growth was slowed down in the early 1940s although the government did not introduce a clear urban policy in the immediate aftermath of the second world war towns continued to grow progressively from the early 1950s to 1974

ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world with a per capita income of just above us 100 with such a low average income poverty is of course widespread so understanding the causes of poverty is of utmost importance but until recently very little household data has been available this study deals with many aspects of poverty and income distribution in ethiopia providing a wealth of information on household income and its determinants the book is of interest both to academics working on poverty analysis and to policy makers and donors collaborating with ethiopia

this paper evaluates ethiopia s urbanization trend during the last four decades while also considering ethiopia s structural transformation and recent public investments to promote greater industrialization within the country ethiopia s urban population grew 4.2 percent per year between 1994 and 2015 far outpacing the overall population growth rate of 2.5 percent compared to the urban growth rate of africa 3.5 percent per year ethiopia experienced a 20 percent faster urban population growth rate undesa 2015 urbanization in ethiopia is expected to reach 38 percent by 2050 however this level is relatively low compared to the majority of sub saharan africa ssa countries improved road infrastructure rural to urban migration and secondary city development is increasing urbanization within the country in addition recent public investments to promote industrialization and increase manufacturing labor opportunities via newly constructed and planned industrial parks are projected to increase urbanization and bolster structural transformation across the country we evaluate these investments and demographic trends within the context of other countries in sub saharan africa as well as with the experience of india and china ethiopia s investment in higher value manufacturing and service activities via economic zones may provide similar infrastructure to that of china and india s township and village enterprises tve however a focus on increasing human capacity and labor mobility will be necessary to ensure that rural farmers are able to take advantage of labor opportunities outside of the agriculture sector we calculate the projected economic impact of ethiopia s planned industrial zones and sugar factories and find that while public and private investment in industrial and agro industrial parks may provide a catalyst for future

growth they are likely to provide only a small share of total output and employment investments in sugar factories are anticipated to total usd 5.2 billion with estimated production of usd 3.6 billion and value added of usd 3.3 billion however an increase in sugar output of this magnitude would imply massive sugar exports that may not be financially profitable

the international food policy research institute ifpri began research activities in ethiopia in the 1980s to assess the root causes of drought related food production shortages and support adoption of appropriate policy responses ifpri's rigorous empirical research contributed to a broader understanding of economic development processes in ethiopia and built capacity to conduct such research on a national scale working with many long standing partners ifpri evaluated strategies for achieving sustainable agricultural growth investment in agricultural research the provision of safety nets to strengthen resilience prioritization of nutrition interventions for women and children property rights and management of natural resources among other goals evidence from this and other work informed programs and initiatives to improve food and nutrition security for vulnerable people

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in early june 2020 we called by telephone a representative sample of nearly 600 households in addis ababa ethiopia to assess income changes and household food and nutrition security status during the covid 19 pandemic survey period covering may this was the second administration of a covid 19 related survey to these households following an initial survey conducted in early may 2020 covering the situation of the survey households in april more than two third of the households indicated in the second survey that their incomes were lower than expected up from 58 percent in april and 45 percent reported that they are extremely stressed about the situation up from 35 percent in april using a pre pandemic wealth index we find that less wealthy

households were considerably more likely to report income losses and high stress levels than were wealthier households compared to a period just before the pandemic january and february 2020 indicators measuring food security have significantly worsened but have remained the same since april during the pandemic households are less and less frequently consuming relatively more expensive but nutritionally richer foods such as fruit and dairy products however overall food security status in addis ababa is not yet alarming possibly because many households have been able to use their savings to buffer food consumption as the pandemic is still in an early stage in ethiopia it is likely that these savings will not last throughout the pandemic calling for a rapid scale up of existing support programs

this book reviews contemporary research on urban infrastructure in 76 ethiopian cities it examines urban infrastructure issues in these cities and covers a wide range of topics from sustainability and smart cities to research methods employed by urban infrastructure investigators with regard to ethiopian cities research on urban infrastructure legitimacies and modalities has established its value worldwide in recent years though it is still fairly young in the ethiopian context the first chapter outlines ongoing issues of debate concerning urban infrastructures including but not limited to discourses on sustainability smart cities innovative financing methods and potential partnerships urban infrastructure issues in ethiopian cities are examined in the second chapter while the third chapter presents a review of the most relevant literature for researchers findings show that the citations in the research reports are mainly from the materials available over the internet including who un habitat and unpublished local materials the fourth chapter identifies patterns in the findings and recommendations of the research reports discussed the results reveal that there is a wider gap between supply and demand with regard to urban infrastructure in ethiopian cities a situation that is further aggravated because of the growing urban population and already existing backlogs the fifth chapter reviews the essential methods employed by urban infrastructure investigators in ethiopian cities in this regard the cross sectional study method with the use of survey method has been broadly adopted among investigators lastly the book presents a summary and recommendations it was observed that the urban infrastructure boom in ethiopia is primarily concentrated in the key cities and the current pattern of urban infrastructure provision does not incorporate the notion of sustainability hence the book calls for setting the agenda of future research on urban infrastructure and services in ethiopian cities together with the universities private sector and government who should ideally collaborate to produce the knowledge needed to improve quality of life welfare productivity and economic growth

the heated malthusian bosrupian debates still rage over consequences of high population growth rapid urbanization dense

rural populations and young age structures in the face of drought poverty food insecurity environmental degradation climate change instability and the global economic crisis however while facile generalizations about the lack of demographic change and lack of progress in meeting the mdgs in sub saharan africa are commonplace they are often misleading and belie the socio cultural change that is occurring among a vanguard of more educated youth even within ethiopia the second largest country at the crossroads of africa and the middle east different narratives emerge from analysis of longitudinal micro level analysis as to how demographic change and responses are occurring some more rapidly than others the book compares ethiopia with other africa countries and demonstrates the uniqueness of an african type demographic transition a combination of poverty related negative factors unemployment disease food insecurity along with positive education health and higher age of marriage trends that are pushing this ruggedly rural and land locked population to accelerate the demographic transition and stay on track to meet most of the mdgs this book takes great care with the challenges of inadequate data and weak analytical capacity to research this incipient transition trying to unravel some of the complexities in this vulnerable horn of africa country a slowly declining population growth rates with rapidly declining child mortality very high chronic under nutrition already low urban fertility but still very high rural fertility and high population resource pressure along with rapidly growing small urban places

urban resettlements in the global south provides new perspectives on resettlement through an urban studies lens to date resettlement has been theorised through development studies and refugee studies but urban resettlement is also a major dimension of urban development in the global south and may help to rethink contemporary urban dynamics between spectacular new town developments and rising incidences of eviction and displacement conceptualising resettlement as a binding notion between production regeneration and destruction demolition of urban space helps to illuminate interdependencies and to underline significant ambiguities within affected people s perspectives towards resettlement projects this volume will offer an interesting selection of ten different case studies with rich empirical data from latin america north and sub saharan africa and asia focused on each stage of resettlement before during after relocation through different timescales by offering a frame for analysing and rethinking resettlement within urban studies it will support any scholar or expert dealing with resettlement displacement and housing in an urban context seeking to improve housing and planning policies in and for the city

how do ambitious young men grapple with an unemployment rate in urban ethiopia hovering around fifty percent urban

educated and unemployed young men have been the primary force behind the recent unrest and revolutions in north africa and the middle east daniel mains detailed and moving ethnographic study hope is cut examines young men s struggles to retain hope for the future in the midst of economic uncertainty and cultural globalization through a close ethnographic examination of young men s day to day lives hope is cut explores the construction of optimism through activities like formal schooling the consumption of international films and the use of khat a mild stimulant mains also provides a consideration of social theories concerning space time and capitalism young men here experience unemployment as a problem of time they often congregate on street corners joking that the only change in their lives is the sun rising and setting mains addresses these factors and the importance of reciprocity and international migration as a means of overcoming the barriers to attaining aspirations

food security satisfies people s dietary needs by ensuring physical social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food nowadays food security is of prime importance because not only does it overcomes hunger poverty and malnutrition but it also determines the national security and political and economic sovereignty of states however according to the fao report 2021 2 37 billion people nearly one in three people in the world did not have adequate food availability in 2020 the green revolution created an era of extraordinary food production worldwide but agriculture oriented developing countries face adverse impacts such as loss of ecosystem quality and biodiversity and environmental degradation besides several challenges such as population growth pollution natural resource depletion agricultural land conversions and climate change are further developing concerns in achieving food security

considerable poverty and food insecurity in ethiopia combined with the overwhelming majority of ethiopians who depend on agriculture for their livelihoods make agricultural transformation a crucial development goal for the country one promising improvement is to increase production of teff the calorie and nutrient rich but low yielding staple the economics of teff exploring ethiopia s biggest cash crop examines key aspects of teff production marketing and consumption with a focus on opportunities for and challenges to further growth the authors identify ways to realize teff s potential including improving productivity and resilience selecting and scaling up new technologies establishing distribution systems adapted to different areas needs managing labor demand and postharvest operations and increasing access to larger and more diverse markets the book s analysis and policy conclusions should be useful to policy makers researchers and others concerned with ethiopia s economic development

this book offers a comparative ethnography of the contested powers that shape democratization in ethiopia although multi party elections have become the norm in africa relatively little is known about the significance of non state actors such as traditional authorities in electioneering focusing on ethiopia s competitive 2005 elections this book analyzes how customary leaders political parties and state officials confronted and complemented each other during election time case studies reveal the contemporaneousness of traditional authorities in modern politics but also how multi party competition reproduces traditional relations of domination among ethnic groups the book documents the importance of customary authority in selecting party candidates and providing legitimacy to political parties but also their limitations in a country dominated by a semi authoritarian party state

this title was first published in 2002 analyzing labour market trends in sub saharan africa since 1970 this volume employs data collected from the international labor organization ilo united nations industrial development organisation unido and world bank the rped surveys it examines the economics of the labour market against the presistent decline in real wages over some 20 years in some of these countries setting the african story against the background of wage employment trends in other regions of the world the author proceeds to examine the impact of this decline on the rural urban earnings gap the consequences of the declining wage levels on the lifetime earnings of workers and on trends in labour productivity are then discussed followed by an analysis of the employment and wage structure in african manufacturing firms

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