

Paradox of Urban Migration and Scio-Economic Development in Anambra State Government System

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Abstract: *The study examines the Paradox of Urban Migration and Scio-economic development in Anambra state government system: A study of Awka South Local Government Area. (2007-2014), The specific Objectives of the study are to examine the paradox of Urban Migration and scio-economic development in Awka South Local Government Area, to examine the challenges and negative paradox of Urban Migration and scio-economic development in Awka South Local Government Area and how urban migration and Scio-economic development affects the growth and development of Awka South Local Government Area. The study anchored in System theory by David Easton (2017) as its theoretical framework. The study used both primary and secondary data as its sources of data. The findings of the study shows that urban migration has impacted Scio-economic development in Awka South Local Government, it also found out that high cost of living and shortage of land is the major challenges of urban migration and Scio-economic development in Awka South Local Government Area, it also found out that high rate of revenue generation and employment opportunities are the major impact of urban migration and Scio-economic development in Awka South Local Government Area. Based on the findings of the study the researcher recommends that for Awka South Local Government to manage Urban Migration and Scio-economic development in its environment, They should be a proper housing scheme with affordable prices to reduce high cost of rent and over congestion, They should be a special agency set up to look into the sales of land in its environment in order to reserve indigenes land, They should be heavy investment in Agriculture to help circulate food and raw materials in order to reduce high cost of living, Local Vigilante group should be established in every village in every town to aid security and reduce Cultism in Awka South local Government Area.*

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Preview

Urban migration and Scio-economic development are two important transformations that are going on in Awka-South local government area. The level of urban migration and Scio-economic development is affecting not only the population in awka south local government area, but also affects it economically, socially and environmentally. The level of urban migration and Scio-economic development has created a lot of consideration to the warfare of its local government area.

Awka south local government area is located at the capital city of Awka Anambra State with a vast growing population of 250,900 people according to Google, coupled with vast numbers of government ministries and parastatals, commercial banks, schools private firms and industries who ply the day to day activities of awka south local government area. This development has brought about a high level of migration of people who are in need of greener pasture. The rise in urban migration has attracted many industries which seeks to use the vast human resources and commercial benefit to increase it's productively and maximize profit. This development and outcome has brought a major challenge upon the local government council on how to cope with the level of urban migration and industrial development for the betterment of its environment and its people.

It is on the strength of this situation that the study is guided by the interest to find out the relationship of urban migration and industrial development in awka south local government area.

With the level of urban migration that keep on rising in awka south local government Area and the persistent rise in commercial activities. This has brought an up rise in industrial activities who try to build different structures and market to enhance their goals and objectives and make profit.

This constant development has brought much concern to the local government council on how they can tackle this uprising and make life easy for their people. The rise in urban migration and industrial development has brought both positive and negative impact so while the local government may celebrate an improvement in its economy and employment opportunity, they have to face the challenges of crime unhealthy rivalry, high cost of living etc that urban migration and industrial development may cause. If the local government must achieve their mission and keep their area progressive there must be adequate measures to contain the rise in urban migration and industrial development.

Hence the researcher is bothered to find out the impact of urban migration on industrial development and how this uprising affects the growth, well-being and stability of Awka South Local Government Area.

Research Questions

The following has been stated for the purpose of the study

- (1) To what extent has urban migration affected industrial development in awka south local government area.
- (2) What are the major challenges of urban migration and industrial development in awka south local government area.
- (3) To what extent has urban migration and industrial development affected the growth and development of awka south local government area.

Urban Migration

Urban migration is the movement of people from rural area to urban areas and cities in search for greener pasture to increase their standard of living. Obi, (2000) sees urban migration as a selective process affecting individual with certain economic social, educational, psychological and demographic characteristics, the social factor include the desire to break away from traditional and constraints of social organization the physical factor include climate and metrological disasters with flood and drought. Demographic factor include reduction in mortality rate and concomitant high rate of rural population growth, cultural factor on the other hand include the security of urban extended family relationship and the allurements of the so called bright city light.

Gurgler (1987) defines urban migration as the movement of individual or group from one society to another for the purpose of residing either temporary or permanently. This movement may be as a result of education, employment infrastructural facilities, social amenities, and a good standard of living. Which they find present in urban cities compared to the locality they find themselves.

Factors that Prompt urban Migration

There are many reasons why people migrate from rural areas to the urban areas, the most dominant reasons have been lack of basic amenities in the rural areas, economic, education and employment social cultural, environmental and other factors could send one off a place which might be due to crises, old age, transfers, retirement and invasion of pests and diseases. According to Mabawonly (1986) cited by Obi, (2000) that three categories of factors are perceived as important reasons for rural-urban migration.

The first set is related to the need for education and acquisition of skills in various vocation, the second set relate to the presence of desirable job opportunity in the urban areas which includes presence of commercial activities industries and company, the third set of factor is social such as social amenities e.g. good roads, electricity, water, entertainment and leisure centres e.g. amusement park, cinemas, game reserves zoo etc.

Urban Migration and Industrial Development

The level of urban migration has impacted industrial development in Awka South Local Government Area.

Urban migration and urban areas produces many outcomes to a locality which may include high rate of population availability of basic social amenities, commercial activities, and marketable areas favorable for business.

Many industries establish their organization in urban area because of the quality of workforce the population in urban area offers, also the entrepreneurship existence and commercial activities in urban areas makes any of the vision and services of any industry marketable. No industry or company will like to site their industries in a rural area where lack of manpower, social amenities and demand for services is low. So the more people migrate to an area in search for greater pasture the more industrial development increases in such areas.

Chukwunonso (2017) in Ijere (1994) revealed that urban migration has a positive impact on industrial and economic development which creates market for goods and services and enhance entrepreneurship participation in fast growing cities. Ewuim (2012) opined that the population and commercial tendency of urban dwellers underscores the reason for industrial development. It has the potential to bring about favorable market to sell, goods and services, access to social amenities and adequate workforce that can improve the growth of many industries (Arrey, 2013; Armin, 2013).

Nweke, (2019) in Yamauchi and Tanabe (2003) argue that sitting an industry is often facilitated if there is a large network of people residing in an area when can develop a good workforce as they will also exist and high level of commercial activities in cities with high population.

It is also important to understand how urban migration evolves over the development of many industries.

Reasons that makes urban migration impacts industrial development.

1. **Manpower and Human Resources:** Every industry needs human resources to grow. Urban areas and the increase in migration has brought a rise in population thereby making it easy for industries to select workers out of the population because of the mass numbers they is no problem of lack of qualified manpower as many people keep applying for jobs and employment. Making it easy for the company to select their desired number.
2. **Marketable Goods and Services:** The rise in population and commercial activities that urban migration produces has made entrepreneurship venture lucrative because of the high demand for goods and services many industries will always establish their structures in urban areas because they know goods and services will always sell.
3. **Availabilities of basis social Amenities:** Social amenities like, electricity good motor able roads to convey raw materials, water, security and research centres are dominant in urban areas thereby causing major industries to move to the urban areas. Industries needed good roads to transport goods and services, and other benefit that urban migration offers attracts more industrial development.
4. **Establishing Structures that Solves Urban migration Problems for the Sake of Profit:** urban migration produces many problems like limited food resources, to satisfy the large population poor management of waste resources, limited transport system to render services to the mass population, poor management of waste resources, etc all this major problems has invited many entrepreneur who create many establishment to solve this problems for examples industries that collect waste product to refine it, industries that produces food etc.

List of major industries at Awka South Local Government Area

1. Ozalla plastics enterprise Ltd.
Address plot 28, Awka Ind. estate Awka Anambra State
2. Comfort triumphal company ideas on paints.
Address, opposite Nigeria Brewery industrial layout Agu Awka.
3. Blessed Chidera foam mattresses beddings and paints. Address: 87, Zik Avenue Awka South local government Area Anambra Nigeria.

Benefit of urban migration and industrial development

1. **Economic growth and Development:** The economic growth provided by urban migration is a well sustained growth that can transform an economy. Industrial growth and economic go hand in hand. Economies thrive when an industry is growing because a growth in the industry means more jobs, more money, and more opportunity. Industrial growth is often worked with higher wages. The standard of living increases when industry increases, these opportunities can transform an area and inspire endless amounts of growth.
2. **Security and police availability:** cities have better security because police are available to patrol the area 24 hours a day. Many industrial structure and individual lists and investment are secured more in urban area because of the advanced security. There are cameras available that will help the police solve crimes in the area. The police can get to you faster than they can in rural areas. The technology in the urban areas makes it easier for the police to catch anyone committing a criminal act.
3. **Employment and creation of job opportunity:** An urban area with high rate of industrial development creates more job opportunity for the people many industries needs man power to grow. This provides employment for the people resulting to reduction of poverty to a great extent. Because of the population of urban areas many business tend to succeed because of the commercial activities and high demand for goods and services, industries can easily market their services to the public and make profit as more entrepreneurship opportunity arises.
4. **Better education and Research Institutes:** Many advanced schools are available in places where urban dwellers reside. This make education easy and research works affordable many schools can easily go on excursion to industries to see how goods are produced thereby improving the learning of student. Industries as well can easily get access to skilled and expert workers who are educated to run the administration of most industries. They are also different alternative to learning in urban areas because many schools are available in different capacities, both the cheep schools and expensive schools.
5. **Improved standard of Living:** urban areas and industrial development improves the standard of living. People have access to healthcare, schools, electricity, water and other services. Industries also make life easy for the people by

providing goods and services that can meet the demands of the urban dwellers. Adequate transport facilities are provided you don't need a car to travel you can get access to buses, trains, subways, cab etc. you can get easier access to the internet.

6. **Better social life:** Urban areas are filled with people from various background and walks of life. They are a lot of opportunities to meet different people. You have the opportunity to learn about different cultures because you will meet different types of people. You may not see the same face everyday so you can always meet someone new, they also exist recreational centers and amusement parks which entertains people.

Emerging Challenges of urban Migration and Industrial Development

1. **Over Crowding and over Population:** Over crowding is a situation where a lot of people accumulate in a rather limited space that is unable to accommodate them without succumbing to the pressures around it properly. Over crowding is a persistent problem as a large number of people are constantly moving to urban areas on daily basis this leads to cities growth in populating and getting crammed when it gets beyond its capacity. When a city is at maximum of excess capacity the people tend to compete over the limited scarce resources such as electricity, water transport and other amenities etc.

2. **Unemployment:** As numbers of people continue to grow in urban area the jobs becomes even harder to find and retain, companies find themselves retrenching employees as well as putting even more people out of a job all this factors put together to make the unemployment rate at an alarming high in urban area.

3. **Housing Problems:** Housing problems tend to develop when people move to cities and over crowd in them, if the cities were not well prepared for the numbers the houses becomes scarcer. Some of the people are unable to afford to build their own home or even pay rents. The problem grows as one materials regard to build new houses becomes more and more in-sufficient, limited space also makes it difficult to facilitate construction.

4. **Development of Slums:** Urbanization and industrial development makes a lot of people move to the urban area but they do not prepare them for the conditions they are likely to face when they arrive there. Urban areas trend to have a high cost of living thus leads to the advert and growth of slums as safe heavens for those who cannot afford the high cost of rent or lack money to purchase apartment or build houses on underdeveloped or undervalued land due to low scarce and expenses apartment, the houses in slums are often poorly constructed and most of the time lack basic amenities like water and poor sanitation. This slump breeds hoodlums and increase crimes and disease rate in urban cities.

5. **Urban Crime:** The more people are congested in urban areas the higher the rate of unemployment which lead the disadvantaged to get into substance abuse, violence, burglary and organized crime, lack of employment also increased poverty which as a result makes it even harder to get the essential things they need to survive this leads to crimes such as theft conning and organized crime as a way of earning a living they include kidnapping, robbery car Jacking, rape and even murder, these act makes cities very hard to live in as they are not guaranteed their safety especially people who cannot defend themselves in such situation.

6. **Unhealthy Competition and Rivalry:** Because of the large number of industries and business enterprises that run to urban areas this tend to produce unhealthy competition among each other striving for dominance more profit and attention from the surging population that tend to benefit them. Many industries fight each other through court cases or even go underground to inflict destructions of their structure all in the bid for them to be greater all this pose a threat to urban areas.

7. **High cost of living and land Problems:** Urban migration and industries development produce a serious cost in living in such area. Many people who resides in such areas find it difficult to cope most of their resources are being spent to maintain the living standard. In such area some due to the high cost of living move to slums around the urban area in order to reduce expenses, also they is a high shortages of land. Much indigence of the urban areas finds it difficult to secure their land as they can be taken easily by the government. Industries and companies buy more land thereby making the average indigenes or resident difficult to acquire a land for his/her benefit. They are limited land to serve the high rate of population and industries so most homes and buildings are congested.

8. **Sanitation and Pollution Problems:** Sanitation problems are rampant in urban areas due to the over population that is seen in many of the areas people settle. The government finds it hard to properly set up and manage a proper sewages system due to the rampant bulge of the human population. Sometimes the existing sewage system may not have adequate infrastructural capacity to treat and manage the waste. Industries also pollute the environment with harmful toxic that is harmful and releases waste to the sea. Thereby polluting it and endangering the health of urban dwellers that may not only contact harmful air borne diseases but also consume water contaminated with industrial waste.

9. Transportation Problems: A lot of people are often moving around in between their workplaces and their homes, this more often leads to traffic jams and congestions. The public transport system is vary unrealistic, the number of cars increases and as a result of this the traffic problem continue to worsen, this lead to blockage in traffic and increases the chance of traffic accident.

10. Increased rate of Poverty: Global urbanization ultimately leads to poverty as the rate of unemployment increases more people continues to get poor. The level of over crowding and uncertain population statistics makes it difficult for the government to provide for the people therefore making life difficult and basic amenities scarce. This entirely increase poverty rate in urban areas.

They are many challenges and problems urban migration and industrial development produce but the above listed are the basic and most common problem.

Findings

The purpose of this research is to find out the impact of urban migration on industrial development in Awka South Local Government Area (2007-2014). At the End of this research the researcher found out that Urban migration has significant impact on industrial development.

The researcher also found out that high cost of living and shortage of land is a major challenge caused by urban migration aid industrial development in Awka South Local Government Area.

The researcher also found out that high rate of revenue generation and employment opportunities is the major impact of urban migration and industrial development in Awka South Local Government Area.

Recommendations

To manage the rise in urban migration and industrial development in Awka South Local Government Area.

- They should be a proper housing scheme with affordable prices set up to reduce over congestion and high cost of rent.
- They should be a special agency set up to look into the sells of land in Awka South this agency will determine the amount of land the should be sold in a year and the purpose of the land, this will help to solve the shortage of land and reserve indigenes land.
- In Areas with fertile land they should be an heavy investment in Agriculture which include cash crops and consumable crops this will help to increase the supply of food and raw increasable for industries and when food and resources is on a high flow it will reduce high cost of living.
- Local vigilant should be posted in every village in every town this will help to reduce crime and cultism.
- Not just getting adequate revenue from shops levies business, organization, market and industries levies, a proper team should be created to supervise the collection of revenue to avoid embezzlement.

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