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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROTECTION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS ON URBAN LAND USE PLANNING IN TANZANIA

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Abstract

Urban land use planning legislation prohibits the setting up of residential houses in any planning area without authorization. Despite this prohibition, most urban areas in Tanzania face the problem of informal settlements; and these are protected by legislation. The Land Act, for example, provides for upgrading of such settlements through issuance of residential licences and regularization. In this paper, it is argued that protecting informal settlements is an obstacle to planning institutions towards achieving planned urban areas as the upgrading schemes address the problem partially. It is recommended that during upgrading schemes, the law should be strictly complied with; and in the event some settlements fall short of the standards, they should be compulsorily acquired so that their re-development is in accordance with the law. The Government should ensure that surveyed and serviced land for residential purposes is timely available; and the law should prohibit development of informal settlements.

Key words: *Informal Settlements, Regularization, Residential Licences, Urban Land Use Planning*

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