

How are cities changing?

Mega-cities have often been geographers' main focus when looking at urban population

However **1 in 5** urban dwellers lives in **medium-sized cities**



The population living in medium-sized cities is expected to increase by **36%** by **2030**, growing from **827 million to 1.1 billion**

How do we collect data on urban life?

The **Migrants on the Margins** research programme investigates migrants' relationship to their communities in these cities

One such community is the **Hatcliffe Extension** in **Harare, Zimbabwe**

- **Hatcliffe Extension** started in 1993 in the city of Harare, Zimbabwe. It is estimated to have approximately 9,000 residents
- **Water** and sewer infrastructure was installed by the government but is erratic. Residents rely on boreholes and unprotected wells. Residents have pooled together to fund **electricity** in their houses.
- **Educational systems** are incomplete meaning there is a lack of teachers, or students have to travel far to attend school.
- **Employment** and services are mostly an informal economy, informal retail spaces such as 'tuck shops' shape the landscape.
- Dominant **livelihoods** include vegetable and firewood vending, craft work and making, trading, and urban agriculture.
- People feel **insecure** because they do not own their houses or the land, and the settlement has a history of political violence and **evictions**.

Case Study

educational facility



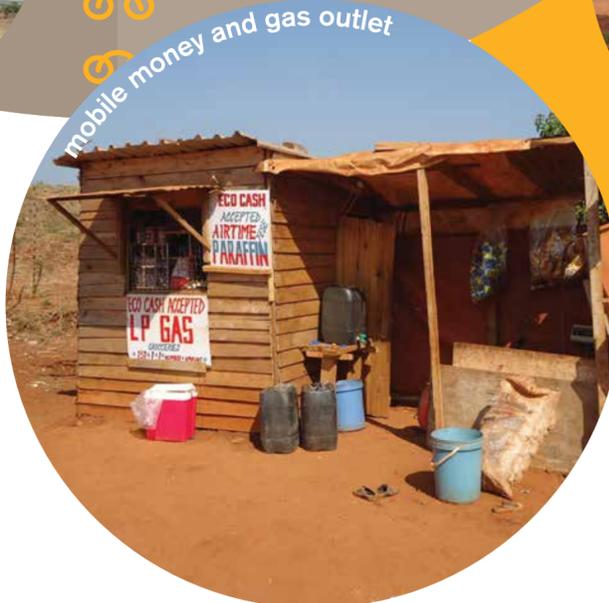
unprotected well



tuck shops



mobile money and gas outlet



urban agriculture



Harare is the capital of Zimbabwe
It has an estimated population of **1.485 million people**



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