

PROLIFERATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE PERMANENT SITE OF USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY, SOKOTO, NIGERIA

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Abstract

This study examined the Proliferation of informal settlements in the permanent site Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto from its inception to 2021. The data used for this study were gathered through geo-spatial analysis. GIS technique was used to examine the spatiotemporal growths of the settlements within the university Landsat imageries. Major findings reveal that ten (10) new settlements emerged in the University after its inception. Analysis further shows that between 1985- 1995 the magnitude of the settlement's growth was 92.80 hectares, from 1995- 2005 the magnitude was 228.3 hectares. Furthermore between 2005- 2015 the magnitude was 86.75 hectares and 280.75 hectares between 2015 - 2021. While the annual rate of the settlements growth between 1985 to 1995 was 9.28 hectares, 1995 to 2005 was 22.8, 2005 to 2015 was 8.68, and 2015 to 2021 was 46.79 hectares. The study recommends among others, the need to compensate and relocate all villages and settlement within the university in order to safeguard it and prevent the lingering crisis over land ownership and control from exploding.

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