

**Sociology of Housing and Structural Cooperative Changes Downturn
Reflection on Policy and Structural Changes in Tanzania**

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Abstract

This paper attempts to analyze the downturn of housing cooperatives under policy and structural changes in Tanzania. It documents both theoretical and practical changes that have influenced the development of the housing cooperatives and the decline in its importance. The question of land tenure, land market, inadequate provision of housing by housing cooperatives, structural changes and national development programmes and strategies are documented for learning. In addition, challenges influencing housing cooperative downturn are also highlighted. The paper winds up by highlighting possible interventions, which can help to revamp the development of housing cooperatives and enhance the role of urban planning practices that involves all stakeholders in ensuring shelter for all in both urban and rural setting in Tanzania.

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