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- **Abstract (300 words):**

The mismanagement of the urban transition in African cities has dire and inequitable consequences for health. Without an explicit commitment to health promotion, urban development strategies across the continent development fuel health inequities. The urban poor, due to exposure from their working and living contexts, experience these impacts at a heightened level. Typical approaches to urban development often evict low-income urban dwellers and hence from their (informal) jobs and land in a bid to redesign the city. Numerous members of the population are not formally employed are excluded from access to means for social mobility like mortgages, health insurance,

loans and land given that they lack the social records and formal legitimacy of those in the formal sectors.

The paper provides an assessment of the state of urban planning into two African settings – Maputo, Mozambique and Lagos, Nigeria, using an interdisciplinary lens grounded in a health and resilience framework. The paper will assess the state of urban health and resilience governance with a view for proffering inter-sectoral approaches to strengthening urban health and resilience.

By characterizing urban development from the dual lens of health and resilience planning and triangulating quantitative and qualitative research methods, this work provides context-specific evidence for the integration of health and resilience with urban development. This work contributes a public health viewpoint to urban development on the continent, and also creates preliminary evidence that can inform the development of much needed strategies to integrate the health of residents with urban growth plans. Additionally, the pan-African nature of this work meets a need for the generation and dissemination of context specific knowledge across the continent. Extra-legal urban development is the norm in most African cities and in-depth studies relating health and the built environment are essential for the development of interventions confronting unsafe urban environments.

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