

# Review of: "Maintaining Sustainable, Affordable, and Low-Cost Housing for Middle- and Low-Income Classes in Uganda"

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The article has been well documented and written as per the research parameters and variables. The issues and challenges of housing provision stated therein are the actual issues that affect housing supply and hence create a situation where housing demand outstrips supply. The issue of the economic situation, including the ability to access mortgages, for example, the high urbanization rates, and the youth issue (unemployment, mass movement to urban areas, inadequate education and skills), the over 80% informality, meaning a massive lack of adequate housing infrastructure and related services and functions, and inadequate government laws, regulations, and standards to incentivize the private sector, which has been proven to be more engaged in housing provision, compounds the challenge.

There is a need for the article to review to a greater extent how the private sector can contribute to more sustainable housing provision, for example, through increased application of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), Joint Ventures, collaborations, and support for incremental housing options, and creation of local economic opportunities which improve household income levels for more housing uptake. The role of cooperatives and savings and credit unions should also be examined because it is a trend that has been helping much of Africa deliver housing.