

Review of: "Women in Slum, Risking Their Safety to Access and Usage of Basic Sanitation Facilities-A Literature Review"

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The paper highlights some ramifications of insufficient access to water and sanitation, with a focus on how this impacts women in informal settlements. It also sheds light on the behavioural tendencies of those who perpetrate violence in such contexts. Nevertheless, there is room for improvement. First, the introduction's single-paragraph format could benefit from subdivision into shorter, distinct sections to facilitate easier comprehension and engagement by the reader.

Second, the paper lacks explicit mention of the geographical or socio-cultural settings of the informal settlements under study. It covers a range of such settlements, from coastal to industrial, but does not specify where these are located—be it in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, or Latin America. Given that such variables can impact the experiences and safety of women, providing this context would enhance the depth and relevance of the research findings, guiding more effective, locale-specific interventions.

Lastly, although the paper sets out various indicators linked to violence, it could gain from a greater analytical depth—specifically, an in-depth exploration of how these indicators interrelate and reinforce one another. Such rigour in analysis would not merely enrich the academic quality of the paper, but could also provide the foundation for more effective, nuanced policy prescriptions.