

Con Contentions:

Value:

1st:

- Poverty/child mortality
- According to The World Bank.org, child mortality rate in Sub-Saharan Africa decreased 50% since 1999, and it will continue to decrease.
- No business will approach from the outside. That's precisely why people must urbanize and create a need for scientific and economic advancements.

2nd:

- Environment
- Kenya
- Eastern Africa
 - Not in West Africa?
- 60% reduction in visibility 182% increase in pollution due to urbanization
- China: Energy-related emissions of carbon dioxide in the PRC have increased more than 80 percent between 2005 and 2019, while U.S. energy-related emissions dropped by more than 15 percent during the same period, according to the International Energy Agency. The US is urbanizing at the same time China and West Africa has, however the statistics do not correlate.

3rd:

- Sanitation & Sustenance
- Not enough jobs will be created
 - People will not be moving in if moving do not benefit them.
- Sanitation
 - When West Africa urbanizes, the need for greater sanitation increases. This creates an opportunity for people to profit and create jobs related to the healthcare/sanitation industry. Demand drives supply, as in indicated by the rules of Microeconomics. Sanitation is a temporary problem that can be solved through technological advancements that comes from urbanization. There may not be much demand now, however demand is only created through urbanization.

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Crossfire Questions:

- Crossfire to the point of infrastructure problems...
 - Can you provide me with any evidence to show that that issue of infrastructure is occurring right now?
 - What is to say that that issue is not being improved upon
- Do you believe in slow urbanization?

- How does your argument specifically affect West Africa as a region with 15 countries, instead of Africa as a whole continent composed of 54 countries?
- What is your definition of urbanization?
- Do you believe that entrepreneurs are attracted to urban areas?

Rebuttal:

First Judge, I will point out my opponents contentions and will rebut them:

My opponents on Health infra

- Infrastructure is simply a risk, not a direct outcome...
 - Subjecting a country to not urbanize is subjecting a country to not modernize
- Urbanization, through Scientific advancement, will create new talent and manpower, which will lead to new infrastructure and greater public welfare.

- The solving of issues is exactly what modernization is... let us look at a few of the wealthiest businessmen of all time, who have led to scientific advancements, and overall better lives.
 - In 2005 there was a massive need for a simpler way to communicate with others
 - In 2007 Steve Jobs and his associates released the first iPhone
 - Stemming scientific advancement, and a new age of development
 - In 2006 there was a need for mass transport that doesn't negatively affect the environment to the extent as most gas-powered vehicles do, and in 2008 Tesla released the first efficient electric car
- Taking this logic, if I am an intelligent businessman and there is a demand for concrete in a certain region... there is no reason why I would not want to produce and sell concrete...
 - I benefit because I make money selling concrete, and my consumer and the community benefits because they receive the ability to grow and develop

My opponents made that the contentions that the impoverished will suffer due to urbanization, however that is simply not the case...

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- Everything has risk, that is simply being realistic, urbanization is a risk. However, The benefits of that risk outweigh the harms 10 to 1. As I have stated earlier, some benefits include:
 - Higher wages
 - Higher employment rates
 - Higher quality of life
 - Higher quality of living
 - Higher access to common goods
 - Higher access to education
 - Higher life expectancy
 - All of these are traits that are directly linked to urbanization
- Urbanization is especially important when comparing it to the negative effects of not having urbanization

My opponents stated that the price of water will increase with the growth of urbanization...

Urbanization is good for the environment

- According to the Asian Development Bank, you are fundamentally misinformed
 - Third, environment-friendly infrastructure and public services such as piped water, sanitation, and waste management are much easier and more economical to construct, maintain, and operate in an urban setting. Urbanization allows more people to have access to environment-friendly facilities and services at affordable prices.
 - It is a lot easier to run a pipe 100 feet as opposed to 100 football fields
 - Fourth, urbanization drives innovation, including green technologies. In the long term, environment-friendly equipment, machines, vehicles, and utilities will determine the future of the green economy. Green innovations in Asia's cities will be supported by the region's vast market as the billions of people who will be

buying energy-efficient products will create opportunities and incentives for entrepreneurs to invest in developing such products.

- Finally, the higher standard of living associated with urbanization provides people with better food, education, housing, and health care. Urban growth generates revenues that fund infrastructure projects, reducing congestion and improving public health. Urbanization fosters a pro-environment stance among property owners and the middle class, which is crucial for the introduction and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.
 - <https://www.adb.org/news/op-ed/why-urbanization-may-benefit-environment-guanghua-wan>

Summary:

Environment

- Fourth, urbanization drives innovation, including green technologies. In the long term, environment-friendly equipment, machines, vehicles, and utilities will determine the future of the green economy. Green innovations in Asia's cities will be supported

Benefits are only for the rich

Life expectancy is at an all-time high, the average annual income has been consistently growing, average wages have increased, and the overall economic growth has been rising at exorbitant rates. All these factors are desired by all nations across the globe. The African Development Bank reported Africa to be the world's second-fastest-growing economy, and estimates that rapid growth will increase in the coming years ([Here](#)) ...

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Final Focus:

- As you can see judge, the benefits of urbanization in West Africa easily outweigh the harms for my previously stated contentions.
 - Contention 1 being that Urbanization leads to greater scientific development

- Contention 2 being that Urbanization leads to greater lives of people across the spectrum

My opponents say that urbanization needs money to begin, however i believe that they are misinformed on the crux of this argument...

- Urbanization has been occurring since 600 AD
- Africa has the fastest urbanizing economy in the world, and

My opponents stated that scientific advancement is not beneficial to an economy. How flawed of an argument is that....

- I have a great idea, let us halt all scientific advancement as a whole.
- Scientific development has been the backbone of all economies across the globe...
- Alibaba, Amazon, Apple, Tesla.

My opponent pointed out that most slums are in the city

Urban Areas Account for a Majority of The Poor

- They account for a majority of the people... that is like saying that America has more Covid Cases than Luxembourg... Of course, we will!!! We are hundreds of times larger than Luxembourg... It is important to use rates in comparison to the population... The only just stats are stats that are per capita.

My opponent made the statement that Africa Has not currently industrialized

Why hasn't Africa scientifically developed?

- State of being vs rate of improvement.
- Scientific development is currently happening in Africa, however development will take time... Unfortunately we can't snap our fingers and have Africa become a world leader. As we see Africa continue to develop we will wage increases, and quality of life increases...
 - When we analyzed data using Elsevier's SciVal tool, which measures the research performance of 8,500 research institutions and 220 nations worldwide, a more detailed picture of Africa's research emerged. Compared to other regions, Africa has by far the strongest growing scientific production: 38.6 percent over a 5-year period from the start of 2012 to the end of 2016. The number of authors is growing at an equally astounding rate of 43 percent over that period. This is 10 percent higher than the next fastest growing author population in the world – that of the Middle East – at 33 percent during the same period.

- <https://www.elsevier.com/connect/africa-generates-less-than-1-of-the-worlds-research-data-analytics-can-change-that#:~:text=Compared%20to%20other%20regions%2C%20Africa.43%20percent%20over%20that%20period.>

Covid and general issues with overcrowding (disease) and infrastructure.

- Due to scientific development spurred by urbanization, access to sanitation products that aid in the prevention of the spread of Covid, are more easily accessible. Eventually, through further development, labs will be able to help in the search of viable methods to eradicate/"cure" the virus... Such as vaccines and treatment.
- There is also the transportation of those goods are a lot more feasible, it is far far more economical to run a supply of vaccines door to door, to get to every house than it is
 - To bring in the example of the United States. If it was not for urbanization, the US would not have access to research facilities that aid in the mitigation of Covid-19, as well

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Morality

- In "Free to Choose," Milton Friedman warns that people vote with their feet, moving where they can enjoy the fruits of their labor
 - If they choose to live in urban areas because they think their chances of having a better life is greater than living in a rural area, then they can stay in the urban neighborhood as they please as long as they have the means to sustain it
 - Through Scientific development spurred by urbanization the well being of all is raised...
 - All ships rise with the tide

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With these points and undisputed wins, I can only see a strong ballot