**Mountain Urbanization and Its Limitations**

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***Abstract***

*In Ethiopia especially, in the northern part of the country 70 % of the land is covered by mountain and these mountainous areas are not suitable for agricultural purposes and for living. Thus most of the local people prefer to live in the low land areas which cause dense population. The main goal of this research is to give a detailed study for investors who wish to engage on mountain urbanization. The scope of the study is limited on the Tigrai and Amhara Regions of Ethiopia. The method used to collect the data was secondary data collection system and self observational data collecting systems were applied to investigate the reason that “why the local community avoids living in the mountainous areas?” According to the research, 71 % of the community replies mountainous areas are not good for agriculture, expensive for house construction and difficult for transportation. And 21.5 % of the population where the study was performed replied that living on mountainous areas is not safe due to the natural disasters like landslides (Rockslides), avalanche, falling, etc. 5.5 % of the responders answered living in these areas is good for them but most of the mountainous regions in the country are not developed enough which makes them unsuitable for living. And around 2 % of the interviewers replied the just don’t like to live in mountainous areas without any reason. Thus, according to this research an investor who wishes to invest on mountain urbanization industry shall give priority for constructing a building with low cost in these areas. And also shall have to find a way to minimize the risk that could cause due to natural disaster.*

**Keywords**

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