

Foreign 'advice', urban housing policies and public accountability in Ghana: Lessons for COVID recovery in Africa



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African's perceptions about the influence of international organizations (IOs) on their life chances has remained a very much under-researched issue. This is striking given that if it's not IOs' elites that call the political and economic shots in Africa, then they call them with the continent's elected representatives. This paper bridges this gap in the literature: It explores Ghanaians' perceptions on IOs' influence on the country (as documented in the Afrobarometer Round 6 Survey) and the organizations' actual/empirical influence on the country (as manifested by the documented impact and extended impact of their implemented 'advice' on housing in the country). Hopefully, something could be learned to improve accountable participation of IOs in COVID-19 recovery in Africa and beyond.

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