

**Environmental health hazards, household practices and under-five Childhood illness: A comparative study of Sweet Home informal settlement, Section D.**

There are a number of environmental hazards relevant to the Urban Setting within the city of Cape Town. These hazards play a prominent role in the health conditions in informal settlements, particularly among children who are the most vulnerable in terms of exposure to environmental health hazards. By conducting a comparative study of Sweet Home informal settlement, Section D, this research project explores the environmental health hazards and household practices and illnesses experienced by children under-five in this region. The lack of refuse removal, together with the evident lack of education regarding waste management and health care in this area certainly further exacerbates the community's vulnerability. This is analysed by means of a disaster analytic framework.

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