

**BAHRIA TOWN KARACHI:
A CASE STUDY IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, many urban housing related projects have been completed in Karachi. This research aims to investigate Bahria Town as a housing development in Karachi. It also studies the impacts of Bahria projects that are constructed in the name of urban development for Karachi and its dwellers. The study demonstrates how these developments are affecting the city suburbs, including demographical changes and impacts of urban sprawl.

Combined methods of research, based on case study and qualitative interviews are used to collect the primary data. This included observational tactics, interviews with the stakeholders, mainly the real estate developers, investors and the residents along with collection of information from secondary sources like newspapers, magazines and articles.

The research concluded that Bahria's urban development does not address the urban realities of Karachi and is a gated housing development that has middle to high income groups as target users, without aiming to have any impact on the housing shortage in the city.