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Informal waste pickers face high risk with low economic returns, yet perform a useful service for cities

Informal labour such as domestic work provides livelihoods and supports the formal economy, but can also entrench inequality through low wages and limited protection

Informal resource extraction provides income but can undermine urban ecosystem resilience

Informal responses to urban emergencies play critical roles in humanitarian assistance

Informal governance and decision-making may help address local challenges

Informal markets support livelihoods and provide access to affordable food and goods

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