

## The study of social capital and its impact on the development of urban areas (case study: Zahedan city)

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**Abstract:**

Attention to the concept of social capital and its assessment is an approach appropriate for authorities of community affairs to rethink local issues and take effective decision for planning, expanding and stabilizing community cohesion while preventing the erosion of this important and influential concept in the development of a society. The amount of social capital and its impact on development in the three areas of Zahedan (Region Northern, Western, Eastern) has been studied in the article so that it would have helped managers and administrators of urban development in planning urban development policies. The research method is based on library, documentary and field studies. Statistical population includes the three regions of Zahedan that 314 people were identified as the sample population based on a Cochran formula. SPSS software was used to analyze the data. The results showed that the most obtained relevant results was observed in social awareness ( $r = 0.44$ ) and faith ( $r = 0.41$ ) and the least result was observed in the aspect of security ( $r = 0.15$ ). The relationship has also a very strong and significant relation with the total score of social capital ( $r = 0.81$ ) therefore, a significant positive correlation was observed between the score of urban development with all dimensions of social capital. In the second hypothesis, significant differences were also observed in the mean scores of social capital on the basis of religion, gender and marital status and so the second hypothesis was rejected according to the results.

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