

PREFACE

Addis Ababa city has emerged as the leading industrial area in Ethiopia. It is experiencing continuous growth and change. Change is experienced in all dimensions of the city but different parts of the city grow at different rates. Economically, the city is transformed from a predominantly administrative and service center into an industrial and financial center. Particularly, in the last two decades, development activities, mainly, construction and industries have been growing very fast.

Many social, economic and environmental problems have accompanied urbanization patterns of Addis Ababa and have been ignored for too long period. The city is faced with problems of unremitting shortages of housing, inefficient road network and range of other physical infrastructure, and environmental quality problems.

The data and required information about economic conditions, population figures, status of physical environment and the existing public facilities and other amenities have been collected from different sources and analysis was carried out. The analysis of these variables has been presented in various sections of the thesis. Finally some measures have been suggested for development of the study area.