

Throughout sub-Saharan Africa, the region with the youngest population in the world, rural youth migrate to urban areas in search of a better life. In Ethiopia, studies have pointed to rural-urban youth migration as a coping strategy of low-income households in response to a variety of factors. This thesis explores the ways in which gender shapes the livelihood strategies of rural youth in two neighbourhoods in Addis Ababa. In addressing this aim, the gendered dimensions of youths' income-generating activities, the vulnerability contexts that defines them, as well as youths' intersectional experiences of the urban, are examined. Locating livelihood strategies at the centre of this study's focus, a feminist geographic reading of livelihood concepts, alongside perspectives on youth agency, is applied in an effort to better understand the everyday lives of young rural Ethiopians in the nation's budding metropolis.

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