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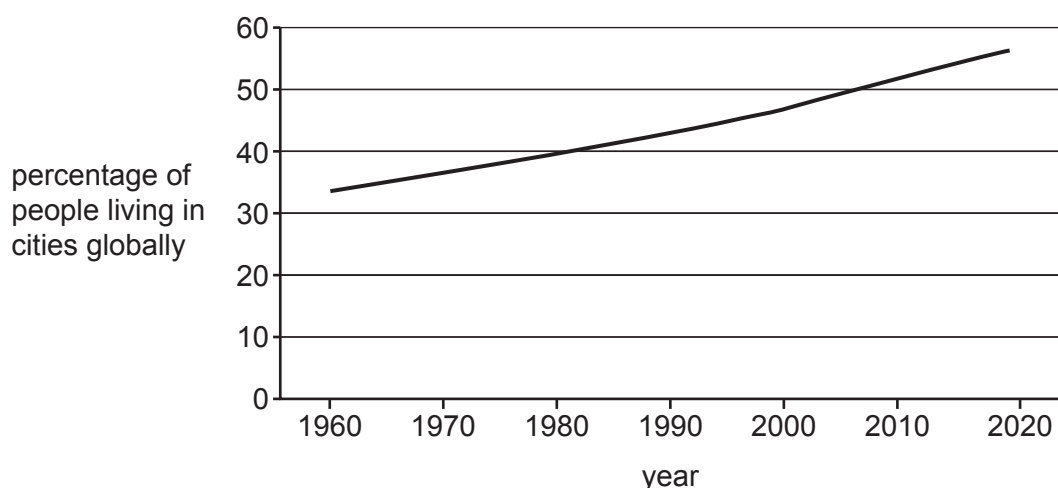


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Source 1

Migration and urbanisation shape the world we live in. Many people are moving to live in cities. According to the United Nations (UN), 68 per cent of the global population will be living in cities by 2050.

Changes in global urban population 1960–2020



reasons for moving to cities	
improved employment opportunities	more networking and social connections
better health services	advanced infrastructure and technology
opportunity for better education	easier travel
more cultural and recreational facilities	improved living conditions

Source 2

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that there are approximately 272 million international migrants. This shows that migration connects us globally and that countries need to work together rather than in their national interests. For this reason, we created the Global Migration and Urbanisation Initiative (GMUI). It is a not-for-profit organisation committed to supporting sustainable development globally in urban areas affected by migration. We believe it is wrong that people should suffer the effects of poverty when moving to cities where there are opportunities for development.

Working together with local communities and governments, we at the GMUI have programmes aimed at improving infrastructure, promoting collaboration and ensuring access to essential services for migrants in cities. GMUI shows how taking action can transform urbanisation into a positive force.

We need your donations and time to reduce poverty in cities and improve migrants' lives.

Extract from the not-for-profit organisation's mission statement

Source 3

In school we learnt about the reasons for urbanisation. As a group from many different backgrounds, we decided to investigate the impact of migration on our city.

Over a period of two weeks, we conducted interviews at break time with students in school who had moved to our city in the last four years and asked them why they came here. We found that students' families mostly migrate to cities to get jobs.

We also went to the city centre during our lesson to ask people's opinions about our growing city. We had a list of questions that we asked people who were shopping. We recorded their answers using a scale to measure their responses. It was surprising that many people did not want to answer our questions or that they were very negative about migrants coming here. Meanwhile, some migrants answered the survey and said they faced problems finding accommodation, work, schools and understanding a different language or culture. This inspired us to create a piece of art called 'Voices of Migration: Navigating Urban Spaces'. It gave insights into the human side of migration and urbanisation. We then shared this with students in other schools.

From a student project, 2024

Source 4

Jürgen

As a city planner, I believe cities offer many benefits, like job creation and economic growth. A 2023 World Bank study highlights that cities significantly contribute to economic development and innovation. Migrants, who make up about 60 per cent of service jobs, are important to these economies. Cities also help cultural exchange which leads to new ideas and understanding.

Ella

That's true, but rapid urban growth can cause problems. When too many people move to cities quickly, they often end up in slums, increasing the gap between the rich and poor. Many people from poorer backgrounds find it difficult to access quality education and healthcare. This leads to exclusion.

Jürgen

But proper urban planning can address these issues. Well-planned cities, according to the UN, improve access to essential services for everyone, reducing inequalities.

Ella

Planning is essential, I agree, but the issue is that rapid expansion of cities is not planned! We also need to respond to the causes of migration like economic inequality and discrimination to ensure everyone has a fair chance in city life.

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