Population Policy and Urbanization of Ethiopia

population policy

- ***Definition of population policy:***

population Policy is an action intended to influence population growth, size,distribution and composition

Significance of population Policy

- surved as a guide lines to create positive relationships between population and resource
- To ensure a balanced growth bln Population and economy
- To make sensible projections for the future
- for fiscal and military purposes.

Types of Population policy

- ***1. Pro-natalist Population policy***
- ***2. Anti-natalist Population policy***

Pro-natalist Population Policies

- Aimed to encourage/raise population growth
- It is Used to maintain military strength, economic production etc.
- It is commonly found in the more advanced countries where there is high economic growth and low population growth rate
- Example: Israel, Kuwait, Netherlands etc.

2 Anti- Natalist Population Policy

- Aimed to reduce / decrease birth rate due to the mismatch between high population growth rate and low economic growth rate
- The countries that use this population policy has a very rapid population growth rate and Preventing social problems like education, health, housing etc.
- Example: china, Nigeria

Goals and strategies of Ethiopia's population Policy

- policy Goals:
- Broad
- General
- specific

Urbanization in Ethiopia

- **urban**: belongs to City or town
- **Urbanization**: is the process of population shifts from rural areas to the city.
- **Degree of urbanization:**reflects the wealth of countries. Highly industrilized and developed countries are more urbanized and vise versa for the poorest countries.
- But in developing countries like Ethiopia the rate of urbanization (rapid growth of urban dwellers) is high .

Trends of urbanization in Ethiopia

- As you know Urbanization in Ethiopia is a recent Phenomenon.(19th and 20th century)
- Factors for orgin and development of urban centers in Ethiopia includes:

- The development of all weather roads
- The five-year Italian Occupation

Level and distribution of urbanization in Ethiopia

- Ethiopia has the lowest level of urbanization
- In 1940's the population of Ethiopia was lived in urban areas less than 3% and it become 16.1% in 2007
- % Urban from countries total urban population:
- The highest (28%) is found in Oromiya and the lowest (0.66%) is found in Gambella.

.% urban from the regional total population:

The highest is found in Addis Ababa (100%) and the lowest is found in SNNP (10.0%)

Review Exercises

- **Note**: Study in detail your textbook (page 195-203) and the given short note.

I. Answer the following questions

1. Explain why Ethiopia's Population Policy is mainly focused on the Anti- Natal population policy

2. List the two factors that affect the origin and development of urban centers

3. What factors leads to high rate of Urbanization in Ethiopia?

4.Differnitiate the two types of Population policies?

5. Describe the trends of urbanization in Ethiopia