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Urban Issues and Challenges Revision

Key Terms:

* Urbanisation - The increase in the proportion of people living in towns and cities (urban areas).
* Megacities - Cities a population higher than 10 million.

Main causes of Urbanisation:

* Rural-Urban Migration - People moving from rural areas into urban areas.
* Natural Increase - When the birth rate is higher than the death rate, so the population increases.

Push Factors (forcing people to leave a place):

* Natural Disaster
* Automation causes people to lose their jobs.
* Land becoming uninhabitable (for example Desertification)
* Government Mandate (such as Singapore under Lee Kuan-Yew)
* Civil War

Pull Factors (attracting people to a place:

* More and higher-paid jobs in urban areas.
* Improved healthcare and education infrastructure.
* Moving with the trend (moving because family/friends have already moved).
* Urban areas have a greater number of activities.

Urbanisation and Development:

* HICs - Early Urbanisation, now increasing Rural population due to remote working, strong transport infrastructure, and crowded cities.
* NEEs - Currently experiencing Rapid Urbanisation.
* LICs - Currently very Rural population, but an increase in Urbanisation is expected in the next few decades.