

**Assessing the Contribution of Motorcycle Taxi Business to Youth's Wellbeing in
Tanzania
A Case of Temeke Municipal
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Transport infrastructures are important for the development of any society. Currently, in most cities and towns has emerged a new form of public transport known as motorcycle taxi. Motorcycles as a commercial public transport mode offers transport advantages in the form of easy maneuverability, ability to travel on poor roads, and demand responsiveness. Following the fact that motorcycle taxi business has attracted many youths, the study tries to assess the impact of this commercial motorcycle business into youth's well-being in both social and economic status of youth. The study examined the characteristics of the motorcycle taxi operators, benefits attributed from the business, the challenges facing youth in the business and the strategies to overcome the challenges. The study used descriptive survey as a method of collecting information by administering questionnaires to a sample of individuals. Both the quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques were used in the presentation and analysis of the data. The results showed that, the group is characterized by unskilled labor force with limited access to capital. Youth involved in the motorcycle taxi business find the business attractive, profitable and dependable. Thus, youth have managed to generate savings, invest in other business and improving their living standard. The challenges involved include accident risks, difficulties in accessing loans, increased competition and restrictions posed in some areas not to operate. In view of the above results, the study recommends that policy and development planners should take note of this peculiar area on its flexibility to provide transport service and its ability to provide employment opportunity to the operators particularly youth and see how best they can accommodate this new part of transportation