



## The Sustainable Development of Villages and Small Towns under the Situation of Population Contraction

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Dear Colleagues,

Villages and small towns are vital elements of settlement systems around the world. Since the second half of the 20th century, many villages and small towns worldwide have confronted an increasingly severe phenomenon of population contraction. Hence, how to lead the sustainable development of depopulating villages and small towns becomes an urgent problem to break through.

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