LIVELIHOODS OF SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS: ANALYSIS FROM TENURE PERSPECTIVE

(A Case Study of Thapathali Squatter Settlement (TSS), Shankhamul Squatter Settlement (SSS) and Kirtipur Squatter Resettlement (KSR) in Nepal)

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Introduction

- Squatter Settlements are defined as illegal residential areas that lack of adequate access of water and sanitation, security of tenure, poor structural quality of housing and insufficient living area (UN-HABITAT, 2007).

- In context of Nepal, The people having no land who occupied government land, forest land, or public land illegally for settlement purpose is known as Squatter settlements (locally named as SUKUMBASHI BASTI).
Data analysis and Results

- **Livelihood improvement of squatters over past 10 years with regards to Tenure Security**

According to five key dimensions of improving slums and squatters, the following results are drawn from the analysis of data:

1. Physical Condition of House

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Data ............

2. Sufficient Living Area

- The study shows that living area of the Thapathali squatters have poor condition of living area after eviction as compare to SSS and KSR.
- In comparison to TSS, Shankhamul squatter is more improved.
- So, as compared to before KSR has been better as 100% has sufficient living area than SSS and TSS.
3. Access to Water

Access to water sources in the region:
- Private tap: 26%
- Hand pump: 6%
- Well: 3%
- Communal: 14%
- Others: 3%

Before: SSS, TSS, KSR

Percentage distribution of water sources for households.
Data ...........

4. Access to Sanitation

- The sanitary habit has deteriorated than before in TSS.
- As compared to before sanitary habit has been improved in SSS.
- The sanitary habit has improved drastically in KSR in comparison to TSS and SSS.
5. Tenure Security

- Practice of evacuating the squatters by the government and fear of eviction are the main causes of the squatters' planning of the physical structure of their houses.
- Most of the squatters living at SSS have a perceived high level of 'de facto land tenure' but only 'perceived land tenure' in TSS.
- Being the resettlement, The living standard of KSR is better than SSS and TSS because of legal tenure security.
Data ...........

- Ways of improvement of livelihood and tenure security

- The study shows that the Resettlement approach is found better in comparison to other settlements in regard of basic facilities and security.

- The resettlement approach in KSR has shown positive signs of improved livelihood of the squatters.

Degree of satisfaction in the resettlement:
- Yes: 40%
- No: 6%
- Neutral: 54%
Conclusion and Recommendation

- The above analysis shows that the KSR have strong tenure and SSS is getting better livelihood, social acceptance and access to many physical facilities, the dimensions of livelihoods. But improvement of TSS is getting decrease after eviction.

- According to data analysis, most of the squatters’ living standard is increase within last ten years. This study shows that tenure right plays vital role in the livelihood of the squatters.

- As above overview, providing protection against eviction is a core function of security of tenure as well as for adequate housing and sustainable livelihoods.
Conclusion and Recommendation

- This is because tenure security is partly a matter of perception and experience, highly dependent on political, economic and cultural context, as well as a legal issue.

- Finally, The Research concluded that the Participatory Resettlement approach is recommended as the better way for improving settlements and their lives near the urban areas.

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