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Resettlement and In-Situ Rehabilitation: Stories of Peoples' Process from Gopalganj, Bangladesh

Synopsis:

The Urban Partnership for Poverty Reduction (UPPR), one of the largest development programmes in the world was implemented between 2008 and 2015 in Bangladesh by UNDP. This study highlights best practices of UPPR and explores the challenges of reducing urban poverty. The study mainly focuses on the housing process of UPPR and explores two different cases from Gopalganj, a municipality town of southern Bangladesh. One is a resettlement project in Mandartola, that resettled around 350 households from two evicted communities on public land and another project is in Azam's settlement, an in-situ rehabilitation project of 25 households on private land. Stories of Mandartola and Azam's settlement suggest, financially poor community life is full of intangible social wealth that enable them to survive in urban context without any external support. The story reveals how community involvement in housing process can add to settlement upgrading only when both financial capital and social capital are utilized collectively. Absence of either one is detrimental to the in-built social cohesion of informal housing.

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