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# **ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING MISMATCH IN SLUMS: LEARNING FROM SLUM COMMUNITIES IN SMALL CITIES**

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### **Bio of Speaker:**

As a scholar of issues related to urban governance and poverty, his work particularly focuses on housing, tenure security, and community rights of slum dwellers integrating theories and methods from Urban Studies, Policy Analysis, Operations Research, and Decision Sciences. His research is supported by his previous training in Infrastructure Management and Civil Engineering. Namesh is the recipient of the 2021 Urban Affairs Association Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award, USA and has been previously awarded as one of the global winners in a Research competition on Urban Development by Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, USAID, and the World Bank Group.

**Abstract:** Multiple developmental approaches have been implemented by the Government of India (GoI) to improve the quality of housing and access to basic services for a large proportion of India's urban population living in slums. However, these programs have not complemented the needs of slum communities mainly because they are designed based on perceived needs that are different from the actual needs of beneficiaries. This mismatch between government provision and what is actually needed, forces poor communities to take tough decisions and to rely on informal means to meet these needs. Taking the case study of four slum communities, two in a mid-sized city and one each in two small towns in the Indian state of Odisha, this research uses a mixed-methods approach to understand how housing programs and policies could better reflect the needs of slum-dwellers. Such programs and policies could then address residents' housing and basic services' needs without disrespecting their basic rights, including the right to be treated with dignity. The study first assesses the mismatch between the services provided to slum-dwellers by housing programs and the actual housing needs of these communities. The study offers an alternative approach that assesses the slum dwellers' housing preferences by documenting and analyzing the decisions in prioritizing their basic needs to address the gap between the slum dwellers needs and government actions. The research uses Community Based Operations Research (CBOR) as a framework which accommodates multiple analytical methods to highlight the voices of vulnerable populations such as slum dwellers, and identify solutions to optimize their efficiency and social equity. The findings aim to provide support to the greater need of including community voices and participation in the design and implementation of welfare policies for the urban poor through a bottom-up approach that provides importance to the voices of the slum communities.

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