

Slum Character Based Management Program in High Density Housing: A Case Study of Jamika, Bandung

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ABSTRACT

Facing the growth of slum areas in Bandung, there is a tendency to generalize the management program in solving the emerging problems. As one of the impacts of high-density settlements within an urban area, slums are often treated with evictions and substituted by a multilevel housing. In reality, this option is not always the best way to deal with slum areas. The slum might be cleared but its residents seldom get the advantages of the newly built vertical housing. Hence, the problems in housing for the poor are not yet solved, but only transferred to another place.

Urbanization, as one of major causes of the increasing urban population, allows people to move from the rural to an urban area, crossing different regions while also still attached to the character of their origins. Entering the urban area, they live gathered around a city and establish new communities, with different characters based on their origins with adjustment to physical conditions of the new living environments. Having a high-density population, these are areas that later turn into slums. With diverse characters, a generalization cannot be repeatedly applied in managing all these slum areas.

Given a case study of Jamika Sub-District as one of the densest settlements in Bandung, this paper aims to expose how the character of a slum becomes the base for planning the management program which is needed to be undertaken. This paper also elaborates how a different slum character brings out different approaches throughout the program. The decision-making would need an intense collaboration, especially between the Bandung local government, the slum communities, and also an independent institution as a third party. It is highly expected that the programs could improve the living quality of the slums as a part in the making of place for the poor.

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