Global Housing Policy Indicators

FACTSHEET: Dhaka - BANGLADESH

Property Right

- Women of the Muslim and Christian faith can legally inherit land, but women of the Hindu faith cannot.
- 99% of land in the metropolitan area is registered through a strict national registry program.
- Governments have permission to clear slums and does not support provision of titles to squatter communities.

Infrastructure

* Incorporates national data on roads, water, and sanitation
** Public Transportation data is negligible.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES IN DHAKA, COVERAGE %

Housing Finance

- Banks DO NOT require investigation of borrower credit using professional services.
- Banks DO NOT require an assessed value of collateral using professional services.
- Volume and size distribution of lending IS reported annually to a regulatory agency for commercial banks but not for the central bank.
- Microcredit for housing IS available.

Subsidies

- Government-owned housing exists, and the government is expanding the supply.
- No subsidies are available for the construction of new housing units.
- Demand-side subsidies are provided.
- There are tax reductions for homeownership and rental.
- The private sector often carries out a government-led housing program.

Regulatory Regime

- Smallest minimum lot size for residential building of any kind is 79 square meters.
- Maximum allowable number of stories for new residential buildings is 43 stories.
- Maximum allowable density in new residential developments N/A persons per hectare.
- Incremental building is allowed.
- Illegal construction does occur on protected sensitive land or open space, but the households face the risk of eviction.
- While rent control still currently exist on old rentals, it is dismantled for in the new policies.
- New construction does require government approval.
- The operation of home-based businesses are always allowed.

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