

Shanty Towns

Shanty towns are usually found in slums; the poor areas of cities in some developing countries. In recent years, the number of people living in such housing has increased dramatically. This essay will look at two specific health problems caused by living in shanty towns and propose possible governmental solutions to address these issues and evaluate their effectiveness.

One of the most significant problems associated with shanty towns is health-related issues. Firstly, because the sites are illegal, the government does not provide clean water. As a result, this causes diseases such as dysentery, typhoid and hepatitis. Secondly, houses are often overcrowded and have poor air circulation. This makes it easier to contract diseases such as flu, TB and diphtheria where infection enters through the throat.

There are several measures which could solve these problems. One possible solution is that the government could supply clean, piped water to individual houses or, at least, to neighbourhoods. This would make drinking water safe and reduce infections. In addition, the authorities could provide householders with building materials to improve their conditions and educate them about the importance of ventilation.

Although these solutions would require a large amount of funding and possible resistance from local residents, the result would be a safer, healthier environment, and would also lead to increased employment opportunities in areas such as construction and plumbing.

In conclusion, there are a number of health issues regarding the living conditions in shanty towns. In order to alleviate such problems, it is vital that the government allocates sufficient funding to housing projects in such areas. Only in this way can the people living in these areas improve their current living standards.

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Shanty Town Outline

Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor area / developing cities • Increasing in size • Thesis: health problems / governmental solutions
Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal: no clean water (diseases – dysentery / typhoid / hepatitis) • Over-crowding & poor air circulation (diseases – flu, TB and diphtheria)
Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governmental: clean piped water – safe and reduce infections. • Authorities: building materials and education
Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (negative) Require funding and local resistance • (positive) Safer, healthier environment, increased employment opportunities in construction and plumbing.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis: health issues regarding the living conditions in shanty towns. • Main point: government funding to housing projects • Recommendation: only if = improve their current living standards.

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