Grassroots Women Innovation for Securing Land and Housing Rights: A Tool for Sustainable Development

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Strategy / Key Framework

Community
Organizing
"Demand side"

Informed demand through organized collective action



Creative Governance
Engagements
"Supply side"

Engaging governments for improved support delivery Improved security of tenure and access to services for women

Some examples

- Negotiations for direct purchase:
 - Poor communities (City of Manila, Payatas, Bagong Silangan, Bulacan)
 - Local Government Units
 - National Government Agencies
 - Inter-agency Committees
 - Technical and legal support groups



Some examples

- Access to basic services and estate management in relocation areas;
 - Local Inter-agency Committees
 - Urban Poor Organizations
 - National Government Agencies
 - Government and private corporations for access to utilities
 - Alternative financing facilities

Some examples

- Post-relocation income restoration efforts;
 - National Government Line Agencies
 - Local Organizations in relocation areas
 - Foreign Funding Institutions (JBIC)



Benefits and impact

- Improved access to basic services.
- Improved social capital formation in the relocation areas.
- Community safety
- Increase Social support within the community
- Access to livelihood opportunity for women
- Empowerment especially women.
- Increase sensitivity for social accountability of government.
- Greater opening of spaces for government –citizen engagements.

Continuing challenges

• Balancing land-based (spatial) development planning (often driven by "growth" considerations) and planning for "development with a human face" (with strong focus on addressing issues of "equity", especially between gender)



 Managing tensions between "ownership" and "use" (the "right to use" is not the same as the "right to own", which one is higher?)

Moving Forward

Share grassroots participation approaches

Participatory grassroots land analysis

Engage grassroots in scalable land tools development

Review inventory of land tools to assess grassroots engagement

Pilot and scale up existing tools

Grassroots participation in the development of new tools

Develop grassroots monitoring and evaluation tools

- Peer to peer exchanges, establishing "communities of practice" (CoP)
- Emphasis on "growth" and "equity",
- Identify and strengthen successful models, and participation management
- Identify and address areas of potential exclusion,
- Multi-stakeholder piloting; Horizontal and Vertical scale-up
- Based on grassroots needs (demanddriven)
- Community-based monitoring

Thank you!