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An Evaluation of Public Low Income Housing Policies in Iran (The Case of Zanjan City)

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Abstract

Housing sector is known as the most important part of development in any society. Providing adequate and acceptable housing for all the fast growing urban population has always been and still is a big challenge in developing countries such as Iran. For this, the main goal of this paper is to evaluate the low income public housing policies in the city of Zanjan for the purpose of highlighting the merits and dismerits. For the analysis of results, the SPSS software and documentary as well as field works have been used. By applying Cochran formula, the reliability of the questionnaires has been estimated in about of 0.71, which indicate that the questions of questionnaire have designed appropriately. Findings show that the public housing policies paid little attention to the social and economic characteristics of low income families and this

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has affected its success to some extent. By results of this study, we can argue that the policies have positively affected informal settlements and decreased the number of outskirt settlements between the years 1996 and 2006. In addition, Housing projects in terms of land use patterns and responding to the needs of families were essentially appropriate and successful.

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