



Client / financing institution:

German Technical Cooperation
 (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH)
 Pilot Project "Poverty Alleviation"
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National counterpart institution:

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Legal and contractual conditions:

Consultancy contract to perform the comparative study (contract awarded after limited tender)

Project objective:

The comparative study of German funded housing projects in Honduras, El Salvador, South Africa investigates to what extent such projects have reached poor and very poor target groups. It further documents the experience obtained to date with conceptual approaches to poverty alleviation in housing projects. Based on this analysis, the study develops recommendations how to better orient housing and upgrading projects towards poor target groups in future. (It is expected that the results of the study will be available by the end of the year 2000)

Expected results:

Based on field research and an evaluation of project experience in the 3 countries, the following aspects will be analysed:

- Access of poor target groups to housing projects and programmes (Which groups can be supported by housing projects and which groups cannot be reached?)
- Impacts of changes in financial support policies and promotion instruments (subsidies, interest rates, etc.) on the access of poor target groups to housing solutions (Does an increased orientation of housing finance at market conditions facilitate or impede access of the poor?)
- Sustainability of projects and programmes (Technical sustainability: Who lives in housing solutions 3 to 5 years after project termination and how is the physical condition of buildings and services? Financial sustainability: How do arrears develop over time and how can revolving funds be created in the context of low-cost housing projects? To what extent are subsidies required to reach poor target groups and how can they be provided in a sustainable way?)
- Impacts of self-help, community mobilisation and participation with regard to the accessibility of housing solutions by poor target groups and / or their sustainability (To what extent do self-help and community mobilisation facilitate access or create new limitations?)
- Important elements for a flexible and efficient management of housing projects and an improved orientation towards poor target groups (What kind of professional background and experience of staff is required? Which aspects need special attention? Which kind of follow-up, monitoring and evaluation is required?)

B.U.S. staff assigned to the project:

Short-term consultancy: conceptualisation and coordination of the study, field research in El Salvador and South Africa, housing expert 3,6 PM
 Field research in Honduras, financial expert 1,5 PM

PM = Person month