



CityMakers SHELTER INITIATIVE

Sustaining Housing, Health, Education and Livelihoods Through Empowerment and Rights

Our Interventions In Delhi

- ❑ Advocacy through judiciary: Regular representation in the Supreme Court of India and High Court of Delhi fighting for the rights of CityMakers and exposing the government's non-committal attitude
- ❑ Advocacy through media: Highlighting the plight of CityMakers in the media
- ❑ Shelter management: Managing 3 permanent and 6 temporary shelters in Delhi
- ❑ Facilitating services like access to ration cards, voters ID cards, postal accounts, bank accounts, etc. to CityMakers
- ❑ Conducting regular night vigils to distribute blankets (in winters) and medical aid to CityMakers sleeping on the streets
- ❑ Developing livelihood skills of CityMakers through trainings and holding workshops on rights and entitlements.

Support Our Initiatives

- ❑ As an Volunteer
- ❑ As a Trainer imparting skills
- ❑ As a Mentor
- ❑ As a Donor (Monetary and Material)

“If there is even one homeless person in the country, it means we all are homeless.”

Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer

Eminent former Judge of Supreme Court of India (14th Oct. 2010, nCMc.)

The support we receive is extremely valuable to us, as it enables us to work without restraint towards our MISSION.

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Who Are The CityMakers?

The CityMakers are the ones whose labour, drudgery and sweat build the city. While the term 'homeless' is a situational description and focuses on deprivation, the term 'CityMakers' gives a positive identity to people who might be poor due to lack of access to resources. We recognise CityMakers as those who are rich in terms of their labour, which brings the being of a city into existence. They are the construction workers, rickshaw pullers, domestic helps, ragpickers and other daily wage workers who provide critical services in the city.

CityMakers are those "who sleep in parks, railway stations, under flyovers, on pavements, on hand carts, vacant sites (private/public), in front of temples, mosques, churches, etc."

In our studies on homelessness, we have found 88,410 CityMakers in Delhi (2008) and 17,441 in Bengaluru (2010). We maintain, in the case of Delhi, that for each one counted, we've missed one at least, thereby taking the figure to 150,000 plus. Other recent studies have put the number even higher. In the case of Bengaluru, there are 50,000 CityMakers.

Why Do People Become Homeless?

- Distress migration due to the lack of livelihood opportunities
- Social exclusion of people and communities (caste atrocities)
- Religious intolerance (communal riots)
- Women's oppression, atrocities and discrimination
- Droughts, floods and other natural calamities, displacement
- Unaffordable/Lack of housing/Housing deficit (Government creates houses for the elite and not for the poor)
- Poor and inadequate shelters for homeless in cities
- Non-functional welfare schemes and services



- Impact of globalisation
- Loss of land/livelihood due to Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
- Forced evictions in the city
- Family breakdowns.

Problems Faced By CityMakers

- Lack of skills, unemployment/underemployment
- Illiteracy, exploitation, exclusion and expulsion
- Poor health and high incidence of illness
- No place for habitat and lack of identity (not enumerated properly by the Government; both in 2001 and 2011 Census)
- Denial of basic rights and entitlements
- Social exclusion
- Alcoholism and chemical dependence (with the government de-addiction facilities becoming extinct)
- Difficulty in accessing services like education, other social securities, bank/post office for savings, ration under the public distribution system (PDS)
- Apathy of bureaucracy and the society at large
- Police brutality and assaults.

Introduction

Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) is a non-profit organisation working with the mandate for a humane social order based on truth, justice, freedom and equity. Established in 1960, IGSSS works for capacity building and enlightenment of the vulnerable communities across the country through rights-based framework for their effective participation in development. With its presence in 17 states of India, IGSSS has set its thematic focus on promoting sustainable livelihood, energising the youth as change makers, protecting lives, livelihood and assets from the impact of hazards, advocating for the rights of CityMakers (homeless citizens) and developing a cadre of leaders from the community as well as civil society organisations. Gender is an underlining theme across all its interventions.

CityMakers Initiative

The CityMakers SHELTER (Sustaining Housing, Health, Education and Livelihoods Through Empowerment and Rights) initiative constitutes the urban poverty interventions of IGSSS. It works towards providing a dignified life with freedom for CityMakers (homeless citizens) with opportunities for them to grow, prosper and being acknowledged as an integral part of the society.

IGSSS works directly on urban poverty in two metro cities – Delhi (since 2008) and Bengaluru (since 2010) --- and indirectly through its partners in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. With support of the Ford Foundation, IGSSS has also initiated a traineeship programme for young community leaders on the Right to Housing in 10 cities of five states (Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh).

