Executive City Lab

Quiz - Housing
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Housing is...

- A basic human need: 41%
- A building, a shelter comprised of four walls and roof on a piece of land: 0%
- A human right that should be recognized, protected and fulfilled by governments: 4%
- A commodity with a price and a place to live in dignity, peace and security: 7%
- A social good to be provided by the state: 0%
- A basic need and a human right: 48%
- An economic sector: 0%
- A commodity that can be bought and sold in the market: 0%
- None of the above: 0%
What is the ultimate goal?

Institutional Frameworks

Building Materials

Labour

Finance

Infrastructure

Land

Affordable & Adequate Housing

Legal & Regulatory Frameworks

What is the main cause of the housing problem in your city?

- Poverty: people are poor and can't afford housing (13)
- Lack of land (7)
- Lack of housing finance (3)
- Cumbersome legal and institutional process that hinders land supply and development permits (2)
- Lack of policy and political will (2)
- High cost of land (1)
What is the MOST critical housing challenge in your city?

- Slums & informal housing
- Regulations and standards are beyond capacity of low income families
- Lack of serviced land for housing development
- Price of housing is high and excludes a lot of people
- Incomes are low and people cannot afford land and housing prices
- Housing finance is not sufficiently developed and interest rates for housing mortgages are high
The Housing Diamond of Perfect Equilibrium of Inputs

Building Materials

Policy, Legal & Regulatory Frameworks

Labour
Finance
Infrastructure
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Scarcity of Land & Building Materials

Housing Policy Interventions are needed
Scarcity of Housing Finance

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What are the 3 consequences of the housing problems in your city?
If I am asked to choose a priority to solve the housing problem (max. 2 choices)

- Increase availability of housing finance: 20
- Increase supply of land: 18
- Improve people’s income and ability to pay for housing: 11
- Improve the labor, technology and building industry: 5
- Undertake large scale investment in basic infrastructure: 3
- Increase production of building materials: 2

(Mentimeter)
The focus of a housing strategy to improve accessibility to adequate housing in my city, with limited choices:

- Improve supply of serviced land and resolve land delivery bottlenecks: 10 votes
- Improve legislation and regulations on property rights, housing finance and rental housing: 8 votes
- Improve affordability and supply of financial services and income support: 15 votes
What are the top 2 housing issues in your city today?

- High land prices: 6
- Infrastructure backlog: 3
- Lack of planning: 2
- Insufficient housing finance: 10
- Vulnerability and risk exposure: 1
- Informal production: 17
- Affordability: 19

Quantity: supply not meeting demand
THE END

Thank you