

Review of: "Women in Slum, Risking Their Safety to Access and Usage of Basic Sanitation Facilities-A Literature Review"

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1. It is true that living conditions are worse everywhere in the slum areas. They are in poor hygienic condition and have limited space for personal use. The paper mentioned some of the problems associated with slum areas; However, most of the issues mentioned are not supported by evidence. For example,
 - How often did rape occur, e.g. cases per week, per month, etc.
 - How many of them faced a difficult urinary tract disease?
1. The distinction between sexual abuse/violence, verbal violence and physical violence is not clear. Sometimes they are synonymous. Therefore, the methodological part should better clarify the distinction between such indicators for the study
2. Image 4 is not clear. Did the plan solve some problems? What problems are there and how is it planned?
3. There is no statistical measure presented that shows how the problem was evolving? Is it increasing or decreasing?
4. The study did not show how people try to solve/ manage such problems?

Finally, if the document meets the above requirements. I suggest accepting the document which shows critical social concerns related to sanitation facilities around the world, especially in poor countries. However, the document should reflect simple management experience that these countries face such problems.