Abstract

During the past decades, slum community problem solved in Bangkok was operating follow community based development approach. That is initiative by grass root movement of housing development for building security housing and building strengthens community by themselves. However, even if communities able solve eviction problem and developed security housing but there just serve only fundamental basic needs. From primary survey after overcome an eviction crisis and developed housing that found key issue that affecting to discontinuity community development process.

This research is based on poor community movement process in Bangkok after overcoming a crisis situation of slum eviction and being able to develop a secured housing by community empowerment. The objectives of this research are (1) to study the reasons and risk factors affecting discontinuity of community development process (2) to propose a development approach for continuity of community development process. This research applies a concept: good governance in low income housing development, community empowerment, community development, and knowledge management in order to analyze the risk factors from 3 community case studies: Klong Lum Noon community; Petch Klong Jun community and Ja Learn Chei Ni Mit Mai community which are pilot communities of housing development in Bangkok.

The research method comprised documents related with concept of community development, a field survey on the case studies areas by observation and interviews with questionnaire. Studying the qualitative and quantitative data obtained from creating a structured interview for sampling; community leaders and members totaled to 40 households. The method used for qualitative data analysis is content analysis and quantitative data analysis uses weighting and ranking significant factors in order to find out the reasons that indicate the discontinuity and risk factors affecting the discontinuity of community development process.

There are 2 findings for this research. Firstly, the research found the risk factors affecting the discontinuity of the community development process to be; (1) community cooperation/participation decreases (2) younger generations are neglect to continue the community development process (3) obligations and lack of discipline in communities finance (4) community leader has too much responsibility leading to the lack of sufficient attention in community development and (5) bad attitude/distrust between each other. Secondly, the research found an indicated point showing a discontinuity of community development as follow: (1) leadership and trust (2) community participation and community volunteering (3) knowledge base, experience and capacity of solving problems (4) community managing system and continuity of coordination with network (5) community member relationship and (6) poverty.

This research proposes a development approach as follows: (1) support of community activities (2) community space management (3) community people latency development (4) community knowledge base creation (5) resolve community poverty (6) coordinate a partnership with local government and (7) develop a community management system. Finally, propose a research finding to communities' representative in order to encourage communities realize the risk of problems and apply the suggestions for continuity community development.