

BPLN-605: Planning and Management of Informal Sector

Module 1: Urban Poverty

Dimensions of urban poverty, magnitude of problem, urban poverty alleviation programmes, impact of macro-economic structural adjustment policies on poor urban households;

Module 2: Basic Needs

Development of the concept of basic needs; identification of basic needs and their provision for various target groups and informal sectors; Standards for basic needs, NGO's and voluntary organizations associated with provision of basic needs; Alternative Approaches for Delivery of Basic Services to the Urban Poor Community planning approach, low cost alternatives and institutional reforms approach.

Module 3: Migratory Impulses and Impact on Informal Sector

Characteristics of migrants and their association with growth of informal sector; Socio-economic deprivation and informal sector; Development of informal sector concept; Role of informal sector in housing stock, economy, commercial activities, etc.; Implications in physical planning.

Module 5: Consequences of Spontaneous Growth

Study of major aspects; Spontaneous living and working, their characteristics and functions in urban context, actions for improvement; Appraisal of the role of government, private and voluntary organizations; Existing management; Their organizational set-up and limitations; Planning and development of urban settlements in respect of the spontaneous growth; Case studies from India and other developing countries.