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Improving Urban Living Environment

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- Being one of the main public sector providers of housing in Myanmar, the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development has recently embarked on improvement of urban living environment.
- The main emphasis has been on improvement of living environment in provision of housing in Yangon, taking into consideration that the population of Yangon, a predominantly primate city, accounts to around 30% of total urban population of Myanmar.
- The Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development undertakes the task of improvement of living environment starting from the lowest household level through consideration of
 - o Household health and Sanitation
 in its housing design.
- It also emphasizes on proper land use, provision of physical infrastructure such as road networks and parking to cope with traffic congestion, solid waste disposal, water and sanitation issues and power supply as well as provision of social and commercial amenities such as schools and markets in planning for Community and City level.
- Improvement of living environment has been attempted not only through planning but also through actual provision of basic and social infrastructure where cost recovery is not easily applicable.
- Old dilapidated schools have been replaced through reconstruction, raising the morale of children.
- Accessibility has been improved through planning and construction of roads.
- Surface drainage and reduction of land and water pollution has been attempted by planning, construction and improvement of proper drains.
- Poor conditions and sanitation of community markets has been improved through construction of markets and shop houses.
- Healthy and affordable housing for different income groups has been achieved through
 - o Redevelopment and Upgrading of Slums
 - o Low Cost Housing and
 - o Housing Development Projects.

- One of the recent attempts in provision of affordable housing is revitalization of
 - o Individual Housing Schemes for various household income groups
- Single Family Housing Scheme for people who already owned residential land was previously introduced in 1974.
- At that time it was targeted only for higher level officials.
- The program was handed over to the public works after 1980 and later abandoned due to un-sustainability.
- Recently, DHSHD has revitalized individual housing schemes in new development areas.
- Potential development areas are provided with basic infrastructure such as roads and drains after which single family houses are built on each individual plot.
- Each individual plot with a house is then sold out with 60 year land lease right.
- Unlike the previous scheme, the present scheme has been targeted towards the middle income group.
- Recently undertaken Individual Housing Schemes include
 - o Sunngyiwa
 - o Khayaibin Yeikmon (1)
 - o Khayaibin Yeikmon (2)
 - o Rose Park (2) and
 - o Waibargee Housing Projects.
- In conclusion The Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development has been undertaking the task of improving the living environment according to its slogan
 - o **DHSHD is always Searching for Better Living**
- This is done in the most sustainable manner to ensure the long term viability of its effort.
- Thank You!