

Homeless Elderly in Islamabad, Islamic republic of Pakistan An Anthropological study

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This study based on qualitative methodology with an anthropological approach; "Homeless Elderly in Islamabad Pakistan" aimed to investigate the causes of homelessness. Furthermore, the study aimed to explore the problems facing by elderly people after starting to live on the streets, the study investigated living pattern, social, physical and environmental problems and their needs. Purposive and snowball sampling was used as sampling technique. 30 old homeless people were divided into three groups; temporary and permanent homeless and Nomads Elderly. Causes of homelessness were financial Mismanagement, poverty, understanding issue, Domestic violence, cultural issues; Combine family system, No savings, lake of political interest and physical and emotional abuse. Living problems on streets included financial insecurity, Social and health problem, Security issues, Harassment issue, stealing and robbing matters, Food insecurity, as well as sexual abuse. 67 percent of the got the financial difficulties, 21 percent had understanding and social problems, 9 percent of elderly were nomads and 3 percent of homeless elderly do not have anyone to look after. Only 17 percent of them had still contact with their families. 99 percent of homeless elderly were Muslims and only one percent of them non-Muslim. The data was analyzed under grounded theory to come up with some ground realities about elderly homelessness in locale and its causes and effects.

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Biography

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