

Living Condition and Health of Two Social Groups Inhabiting a Squatter Settlement in Calcutta, India

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ABSTRACT Squatter dwellers are found in almost all the Third World countries. Poor living condition is the characteristic feature of all the squatter settlements. Again, poor living condition is also associated with the health condition of the squatter dwellers. In the present study, an attempt has been made to compare and contrast the living condition of two social groups (Hindu and Muslim) inhabiting a squatter settlement in Calcutta, India. The results show that the overall living condition of the Muslim is worse than the Hindu. The morbidity pattern is also worse in the Muslim than in the Hindu.