AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES AND DESIGN IN THE GULF AREA, WITH REFERENCE TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abstract:

Housing for low-income people is problematic in most world countries including Arab Gulf countries. United Arab Emirates (UAE) offers low-income families houses, or replaces their old deteriorated once with new. Low-income public housing in UAE does not fulfill all the users' needs; therefore, many modifications are done instantly. The extended family living pattern in the same housing area leads to high housing density and crowded conditions. The aim of this research is to achieve better housing policy and design for youth and low-income inhabitants in the gulf area particularly in UAE. It also discusses the climatical treatment of housing as an approach to Energy saving. The current cost could be saved by around 60% through use of natural and hybrid means in this area. Other economical and social problems have also been found in housing projects for low income housing. The research suggests solutions for these problems.

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