

Integrated Rural Development as Tool to Strengthen Rural Areas – The Case Study Sanbaishan Municipality PR China

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SUMMARY

Urban Rural Relationship is one of the key challenges in the future of the development of a country. It is promoted by the new Urban Agenda formulated within Habitat III Conference in Quito. Also improving the life quality in cities is postulated. But increasing life quality in agglomerations is in a first step not possible without taking away settlement pressure from cities to guarantee smooth and sustainable growth. To minimize settlement pressure will only work if there are comparable chances in rural areas. Often awareness for this problem has to be created on the political level and respective administrations. Sound spatial planning over all areas of a state is an indispensable precondition to reach sustainable development and create territorial justice as a key factor to minimize migration. Implementation tools based on participatory processes are necessary as well as to create public awareness. This paper based on a case study of Sanbaishan Municipality (PR China) describes an approach on integrated rural development to improve the living conditions in rural areas as well as the base for creating political awareness. Main success elements are worked out how the case can contribute to sustainable development of rural areas and has influence to the institutional framework. The tools of land consolidation and village renewal play an important role to support the implementation of sustainable development of rural areas to achieve equivalent living and working conditions. The case study covers ecological, social and economic aspects which are the pillars of sustainable development. Conclusion should be done on institutional and political frame conditions that help to implement an integrated rural development approach. The role of a sound territorial development, especially rural territorial development is described.

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