

# **Implementation of Social Tenure Domain Model in Okpoko, Anambra State, Nigeria.**

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## **SUMMARY**

Everyone has a relationship to land as it is one of the greatest resources in human existence that is limited globally and its adequate administration will lead to optimal utilization. Every interest on land deserves to be protected, although studies have shown that informal interests (rights) are not adequately protected especially in slums like Okpoko. Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM), a pro-poor based land administration model developed by UN-Habitat through Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and supported by FIG, targets the protection of these informal rights as well as the formal. This study targets the use of Okpoko as a sample for the implementation of STDM in Nigeria. To achieve this, the Google Earth image was sourced, imported into Quantum GIS and vectorized. A questionnaire was used to acquire attribute data and the database of the study was developed on the STDM plug-in of Q-GIS. It was discovered amongst others that a lot of temporary structures exist in the study area, basic infrastructure like roads and water are lacking in the area. After the database was created queries such as owners' name, tenure system practiced, purpose of the building, were ran amongst others. The study successfully developed the STDM for Okpoko and the settlement map was produced. It was recommended that this model be adopted by the Land Ministry of the state for efficient administration of the area. Also other developers in the country are encouraged to adopt STDM in the management of their estates and housing projects, since it affords them the digital, fast and reliable means of Land Administration that accommodates all and sundry.

**Keywords:** Land Administration, Tenure Security, STDM, Land Governance and Management, Rights Continuum.

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