

HOUSING IS A
HUMAN RIGHT

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THIS IS MY HOME



A couple with a young baby flee their house during a 1,200-strong police operation in the favela of Rocinha, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2005. Large-scale operations like these often come at great cost to communities but leave the underlying problems of exclusion and criminality untouched.

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MORE THAN A BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD LIVE IN SLUM COMMUNITIES

Challenge what people think and say about you and your neighbours and demand your right to housing.

ACTION

Do you live with the threat of forced eviction? Do you have access to clean drinking water, energy for cooking, heating and lighting, sanitation and emergency services?

Use photography, children's drawings and household objects to put on an exhibition about where you live and the issues you face. You could work with community groups as well as friends, family and neighbours.

IDEAS

- You could contact the photography department of a local college and see if they are willing to train young people

from your community in how to take and exhibit good photos. They might also lend you photography equipment. Get the young people to take photos of their homes, lives and neighbourhoods. Get them to show the positive and the negative sides of where they live.

- Ask children from your community to draw pictures of their home, lives and neighbourhoods. What do they like about them? What would they like to change? Community organizations, schools or the art departments of local colleges might be able to provide paper and crayons.
- Ask your friends, family and neighbours to provide household objects that symbolize where they live or what they would like to change about where they live.

SHARE IT

- Exhibit your work and show people what it is like to live in your community. There might be a community space where you can do this or you could ask an art gallery or college.
- Hold a launch event where you can invite people to discuss issues about housing and what your community needs. You could make this a "speak out for dignity" event – see Action card 10.
- Make sure you invite the media – let them use pictures and drawings to illustrate their stories.