

Key Factors of Land Tenure Security in Iraqi Cities: Using Al-Nassiriya City as a Case Study

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Abstract:

Land Tenure Security (LTS) is a significant way in which the land user's rights are protected. It can be safeguarded under different forms that are included in various concepts, practices, and influences which can be registered and protected officially. In Iraq, land tenure administrations have deep historical foundations reaching back to different periods related to land tenure, however, the current land systems such as registration and recording systems are greatly influenced by conflicting policies and ideologies that control its programs and reforms, and this indicates a real need for more research within this area.

Therefore, this research is targeting to develop a strategic approach for effective management and monitoring of LTS in Iraq, using Al-Nassiriya city as a case study. The aim of this research is to develop a strategic approach for effective management and monitoring of Land Tenure Security (LTS) in Iraq, using Al-Nassiriya city as a case study. Therefore, the research methodology of the study employed both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Accordingly, the major questions which this research seeks to answer are: How has Iraqi conflict period encouraged and accelerated the security of tenure formation? Is Iraqi formation a determinant of security of land tenure? How has informal tenure deepened the incidence of poverty and enhanced insecurity of land tenure in Iraq?

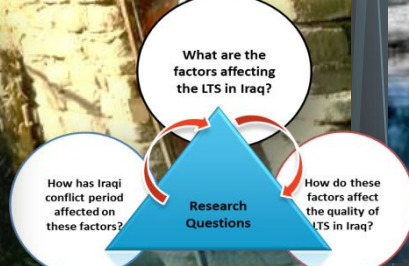
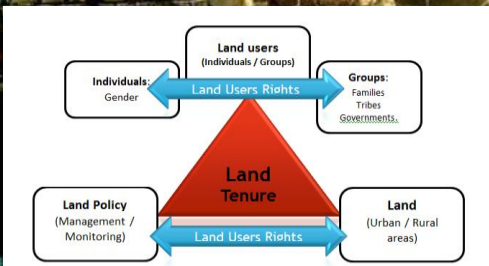
2. Aim of the Research

The aim of this research is to develop a strategic approach for effective management and monitoring of Land Tenure Security (LTS) in Iraq, using Al-Nassiriya city as a case study.

Research Questions

From the research aim the following questions emerge as being critical to achieve the research aim.

- 1) How do the management and monitoring in ULT Systems effort for LTS?
- 2) What are the current land tenure management and monitoring used in Iraqi LTS?
- 3) What are the main factors affecting the efficiency of LTS, and how do these factors affect the current LTS in Iraqi cities?
- 4) How has Iraqi current conflict period affected on these factors?
- 5) What additional measures are required to improve LTS and how can LTS be improved in order to enhance an effective management and monitoring in Iraqi cities?
- 6) How can developed conceptual framework be validated with concerned stakeholders in Iraq?



Research Objectives

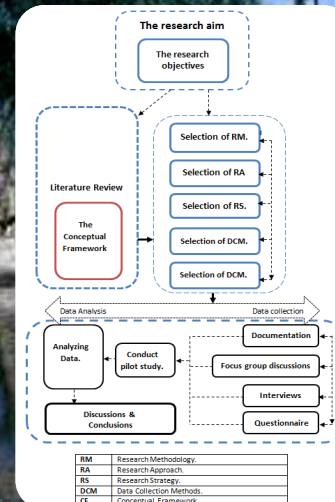
The research questions are important because by answering the questions, the following specific objectives will be achieved;

- To develop an understanding of the ULT systems, and administration in general.
- To investigate the existing deployment of LTS in Iraq identifying its social, political and religious settings.
- To evaluate the Iraqi conflict period affected on these factors toward the tenure insecurity after the fall of Baath regime in 2003.
- To evaluate the LTS requirements for community and stakeholders in Iraq.
- To develop a conceptual framework that will facilitate successful and effective LTS in Iraq.
- To validate the developed conceptual framework with concerned stakeholders.
- To develop guidelines based on validation of framework to develop a strategic approach for effective management and monitoring of LTS in Iraq

Research Methodology

The adopted methodology for this research leads to achieving the overall aim of the study, i.e. to investigate the factors that impact on the Iraqi ULT and to develop conceptual framework for implementation of effective management and monitoring LTS processes. This section provides a brief overview of the research methodology to be adopted. More detail and analysis is provided within the research methodology chapter.

Thus, this study has attempted to narrow the gap in knowledge within management and monitoring of LTS in Iraq by providing an empirical understanding of the phenomenon using Al-



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| RM | Research Methodology |
| RA | Research Approach |
| RS | Research Strategy |
| DCM | Data Collection Methods |
| CF | Conceptual Framework |

