

ANALYTICAL STUDY ON PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN LAHORE CITY

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ABSTRACT

Provision of public toilets is not merely a matter of utilizing land, but it is an essential component of design and planning. Inadequate provision of accessible public toilets in the city of Lahore in Pakistan, is not only affecting the quality of the city but is also discomforting its residents. To examine the current status of the public toilets and the major causes of open defecation, a survey of four hundred respondents in different public places of Lahore city was conducted, along with a review of various policies in place with regards to public toilet provision. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) established a comprehensive set of features responsible for achieving an effective solution to provision of public toilets, which ranged from accessibility, to availability, cleanliness, maintenance and safety. The paper reveals that the availability and cleanliness of public toilets should be ensured at potential urban spaces, as that can contribute to healthy and accessible environment for citizens and make cities sustainable and livable.