

## **Citizen participation as a planning indicator to enhance local innovation in slums**

### **Abstract**

This study aimed to reach mechanisms for activating citizen participation as a planning indicator to enhance local innovation in slums. Several sub-goals were branched from this main objective, namely:

- 1- Measuring the ability of slum dwellers to build community awareness of local crises.
- 2- Measuring the ability of slum dwellers to mobilize local resources to promote local innovation in their communities.
- 3- Reaching the obstacles to the participation of slum dwellers in the development of their communities.
- 4- Reaching a proposed vision to strengthen the ways of citizen participation to promote local innovation in slums.

In order to achieve these goals, a citizen participation scale was built and distributed to a random sample of (350) residents of **Al- Sheikha Shiva** area in Fayoum Governorate. data.

The study concluded that citizens' participation is a complex and intertwined process at the same time, as it affects and is affected by cultural, political, social and economic backgrounds and contexts in slums, and then these backgrounds in turn affect the participants in community projects and the degree of their local innovation to alleviate societal problems and crises. The presence of citizens in all organizational sectors in slums, and the need to provide an appropriate climate for the practice of citizen participation in ways of equal opportunities, rule of law, sense of reassurance, strengthening participation devices, interest in cooperation and coordination in a way that enhances local innovation in those areas.

### **Key words:**

Citizen participation - slums - local innovation .