

New Urban Land File Management System of Ethiopia

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SUMMARY

Today most of the Ethiopian urban centers lack a comprehensive and well organized archiving system for the land records. The files containing the documents of land parcels are poorly organized in the city archives. In some cases, even the basic documents as those showing the rights on the land are missing from the files. At the same time the Government of Ethiopia is preparing a Cadastre and Real Property Registration System (CRPRS) for its urban areas. Moving to this system requires not only systematic adjudication but also reorganizing and structuring the existing cadastral data. For this purpose, the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MUDH) conducted 2015 – 2016 a development project “Integrated Urban Land Holding File Management System” (IULHFMS) in three pilot cities of Bahir Dar, Mekelle and Dire Dawa. In the project a data management system was developed. The physical land files of the three cities were reorganized, digitized, encoded to the database and linked to a digital map. Various analyses were conducted by utilizing the metadata base. As result of the project the three cities not only got basic information for the coming systematic adjudication but also an efficient IT-system for their archive maintenance and customer service. The system is going to be rolled out in the other Ethiopian cities as part of the CRPRS process.

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