

SLEEP COMES ALL THE WAY: A STUDY OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

Present study is an attempt to explore the experiences of homeless people about their life and living standards. The population of this study consisted of those homeless people who are living in Lahore and using different public places to sleep. The universe of this study was Lahore city and within city three areas Chaoburji, Data Darbar and Ichhra were selected for in-depth interviews with respondents. Purposive sampling technique was used to select respondents. In-depth interview was technique of data collection and Interview guide was tool of data collection. Questions were asked initially about the issues of homelessness and then probed for more information depending upon whatever they emphasized (Jerolmack 2007). Total 12 in-depth interviews were conducted. The interviews were conducted during 8:00 pm to 00:00 because the respondents were only accessible at night as they were busy in their labor during day time. All interviews were conducted at open places where respondents were available. Interviews were audio recorded with permission of respondents.

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