

# Mohamed Adel - Slums? No Sir, These Are Self-Built Communities

[“The Right to Housing”](#) is a documentary series and a part of the [“Right to Housing, a Socially Just and Sustainable Built Environment”](#) initiative. This project aims to link urban issues and challenges with the right to housing: it proposes that this right should be respected in the constitution and in laws and that [adequate urban policies](#) be put in place to reflect the needs of the people.

This initiative was launched by [Shadow Ministry of Housing](#), a blog owned by the Egyptian blogger and urbanism researcher [Yahia Shawkat](#), in association with [Mosireen](#), a citizen-journalism collective, and the [Arab Digital Expression Foundation](#), ADEF.

The first short documentary, titled [“Slums? No sir, these are self-built communities,”](#) is an introduction to the series, highlighting informal communities’ experiences in building their own communities and adapting to the absent right to housing, carrying out the role the government should do.

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