

Conhecendo um Bairro Popular: universitários em campo

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O Vale das Pedrinhas foi alvo de uma caracterização social, sanitária e ambiental numa abordagem didática e exploratória, visando estabelecer as relações entre as condições de moradia e a saúde da população. Estudantes do Curso de Nutrição da Universidade Federal da Bahia fizeram observação e entrevistas com moradores, com profissionais que trabalham no bairro e com líderes comunitários e institucionais. Inventariamos os equipamentos e serviços públicos, privados e comunitários disponíveis no bairro para atender às necessidades dos moradores, partindo de um marco conceitual de necessidades sociais humanas, qualidade de vida e direito à saúde. Identificamos os problemas sentidos pelos moradores procurando reconhecer no bairro os fatores de risco à saúde. Apresentamos os aspectos mais reveladores da vida no bairro, especialmente através dos olhares dos universitários.

Palavras-chave: Bairro. Bairro popular. Vizinhança. Comunidade. Morar. Saúde pública.

Abstract:

Vale das Pedrinhas, popular neighborhood of Salvador city, was targeted with a social, sanitary and environmental description using a didactic and explorative approach, in order to establish relations between living conditions and health of the population. Students of the Nutrition course from the Federal University of Bahia, have made observations and interviews of residents, as well as of professionals who work in the neighborhood. Together we have collected long statements of community and institutions leaders and we called upon official sources information. We have made the inventory of public, private and community equipments and services available in the neighborhood to respond to residents' needs, basing on a conceptual framework of human social needs, life quality and right to health. We have identified the problems as perceived by the residents by hearing their complaints, and we have based our thinking on a comprehensive concept of healthy habitation, seeking to identify risk factors threatening the residents' health in the neighborhood. We detailed here the most revealing aspects of life in the neighborhood, especially through the university students' eyes.

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