

Documentation of Research Data

Local governance, urban mobility and poverty reduction: Lessons from Medellín, Colombia

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Context Summary

This two-year research project examines the experience of Medellín, Colombia's second largest city (with a population of 3.5 million), in seeking to reduce poverty and integrate into the urban fabric large marginalised areas, marked by years of severe poverty and violence. The research focused particularly on the impact of two aerial cable-car lines connecting high-density hilly neighbourhoods with the rest of the city, and an associated urban upgrading programme.

In addition, the research contrasts Medellín's successful experience with that of Soacha (population 450,000), a municipality adjacent to Bogotá, Colombia's capital city, where an aerial cable-car line has been proposed by the national government. Unlike Medellín, Soacha is a majorly poor and institutionally weak municipality, subject to acute social tensions and substantial limitations for spatial and economic access and integration with the structure of the capital region.

Data Generation Process

Institutional analysis in Case Studies: Interviews with local community leaders.

Mobility and socio-economic impact analysis: Stated-choice survey for a sample size close to 400 respondents.

Focus groups with local residents of Soacha, organised with support of UNCHR's House of Rights.

Data Outputs

The outputs of the data generation process include written transcripts of interviews and focus groups and database of survey answers and qualitative information.

Language: Spanish

Formats: Excel Spreadsheets, PDF and Word Files.

Additional Resources

Additional information related to the project and access to project outputs and other related outputs can be accessed at:

<http://www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/dpu/metrocables/>