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- **Abstract (300 words):**

This work presents results of a research on public housing policies and informality, in progress at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. In the last 15 years Brazil has been a big laboratory of experimentation in the field of public urban policies and programs for the public city with a special focus on the informality and poor city.

The work consists in an evaluation of urban situations and in the low income housing produced under the Programa Minha Casa, Minha Vida (PMCMV). The focus is in the examination of the urban expansion and in the effectiveness of these actions as outcomes for the people's life, under the umbrella of health, equity and sustainability.

The methodology analyzes the MCMV proposals which starting in 2009 keep in reproducing outdated solutions that ignore the urban reality of now and the concrete problems of the poor. The article traces a picture of the PMCMV based on: (i) its

theoretical bases, (ii) the adopted solutions and (iii) the results obtained, in the period between 2009-2017, related to the NUA 2030. The housing and urban conception and the solutions offered by the program for solving informality and house the poor does not seem to be driven by an healthy urban planning and urban sustainability approach. Starting from a historical and qualitative analysis, developing a critical perspective, this article tries to delineate what would be solutions to the city space, based on healthy, safety, ecology, inclusion and accessibility. The conclusion tries to figure what would be good answers for the landscape, ecological, ideological and economic scope for housing policies in solutions suitable for the complexity of life in the cities, when it is intended to promote socio-spatial justice, safe and healthy spaces to live.

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