

Cost Control Models for Housing and Infrastructure Development

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ABSTRACT

Housing and infrastructure development represent an important aspects of capital development that Governments all over must pay attention to as part of their social responsibilities. Developed and developing countries are constantly engaged in activities aimed at maintaining, improving or adding new stock to their housing and infrastructure amongst others in order to help overall developmental goals. As stated earlier, development in this area is continuous over many, many years. It follows that in any country or location there exist a wealth of information on previously executed projects. The objective of this paper is highlight in general terms the services that could be offered by the Quantity Surveyor or Cost Engineer in organising the available information into a data bank and use it as a basis to plan for future projects, including cost control activities at the implementation stage. We will also highlight the fact cost control models are more critical to developing countries, largely because of the unstable nature of their economies. This in turn led to the failure of many projects.

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