

# THE SLUM UNDER THE TREE - PING CHE #1

This is the slum that sparked the 'welfare revolution'.

We could not believe our eyes when we saw refugees emerging from the shack under the tree.

They lived inside.

In the main compound there used to be a pig farm.

Here ISS authorized the settlement of a dozen refugees, paying rent by fraudulent agreements.

This refugee slum is cleverly concealed from outsiders.





# The two rooms under the tree rent for 700\$ a month





An ISS case worker said: "You have a nice room"



A runaway truck crashed through the wall on the left





This is the first room and tenant under the tree



This is the second room under the tree





# The inside of the compound with the tree on the left





The compound is a bean-sprout and recycling plant









This bare communal kitchen speaks for the residents' needs





The rain often floods the communal area inside the pigsty





The back entrance is usually locked







# A cooking area with no ventilation and high fire risk



















The mother and child were deported in July





# Refugees often get sick drinking water in slums



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# Shoddy electrical works and illegal meters





Toilets in the rooms are not used as they get stuck



This toilet is fitted unhygienically next to the stove





# The shower inside the pig farm – no hot water in winter







An open sewer runs behind the rooms and carries away kitchen and toilet waste.





A rusty tin shed for toilet, shared by residents. It flows into an open duct without proper sewerage.



The rooms flood in heavy rain to knee-level. The typhoon season is extremely dangerous for the huts.