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**Interdisciplinary Community Development: International Perspectives** provides a useful explanation defining the ambiguous concept of community development, then examines different studies and strategies used around the globe for the betterment of society. Leaders in various disciplines shed light on successful approaches. Projects highlighting cooperation, collaboration, and the sharing of thoughts and creative ideas are discussed in detail. The book provides extensive references and tables and figures for clearly illustrating ideas and concepts.

Topics in **Interdisciplinary Community Development: International Perspectives** include:

- conceptualization and practice of interdisciplinary community collaboration and development (ICCD), including key issues and concepts
- developing community networks for the promotion of social rights and peace building in the Middle East
- a comprehensive approach to community development in communities with limited economic resources, low-level literacy, and limited access
- history of community organization (CO) in India
- developing a coordinated community response system to domestic violence
- an international university-to-university collaborative project in Nigeria to share knowledge across disciplines
- interdisciplinary community practice to promote the development of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Croatia
- Romania's Pentru Voi Fundatia as a 'best practice' model of interdisciplinary community development (ICD)
- research to assess quality of life of those residents having had community development intervention

**Interdisciplinary Community Development: International Perspectives** is an insightful resource for social workers, organizers, planners, policymakers, and activists.

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