

A study on the social assistance delivery systems in South Korea and Britain

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Abstract

In order to address questions regarding the definition of social welfare and its interpretation in different countries, this paper analyzes the policy formulation process of social assistance in South Korea and Great Britain. Social assistance is a final social security system to protect national minimum standards of living. While a number of studies have investigated this security system, previous comparative studies of social assistance have focused on the scale of the benefits and the recipients with a view to poverty reduction. Although analysis of the effectiveness of social assistance programs is important, there has been little attention paid to the policy formulation process of social assistance, due to the complexity of the programs and their variations by region. It is simply not easy to analyze. However, examination of policy formulation is as important as comparing expenditures and recipients of social assistance because the effectiveness and efficiency of social assistance may vary according to factors in the policy delivery system. Determining this is a major purpose of this study.

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