Contributions of Community-based Participatory Research

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Citizenship is?

• Belonging
• Identity
• Social practice
• Collective presence
Citizenship Implies

- State-conferred identity: passport
- States at multiple tiers---federal, provincial, local
- Taxation as transaction
- Rights, claims and expectations from state agencies
Citizenship also entails

- Duties (formally coded in laws and procedures)
- Obligations (cultural norms, mores and expectations)
- Beneficiary (welfare, services, consumer)
- Voter (duty in democracy)
Horizontal Citizenship

• Community, kinship, fraternity
• Solidarity, compliance, co-habitation
• Rebellion, resistance
• Distant humanism, unknown others
Learning Citizenship

- Socialisation in family, community
- Active citizens, beyond voters
- Participation in public spheres
- Voice and co-construction of citizenship
Inclusive Citizenship

• Formally equal, really discriminated
• Systemic exclusion (women, indigenous, youth,...)
• Analysing reality of exclusions
• Popular education: regain dignity “I am Some Body!”