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TRANSFORMING LIVES IN URBAN AREAS

EU SUPPORT FOR
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADE PROGRAMME

UPGRADING SLUMS: AN EFFICIENT AND VALUABLE TOOL TO UNDERTAKE
A PEOPLE-CENTRED AND INTEGRATED/CITY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT

REGION
**AFRICA, CARIBBEAN AND
PACIFIC COUNTRIES**

COUNTRY
**25 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA
5 COUNTRIES IN CARIBBEAN
5 COUNTRIES IN PACIFIC**

FOCUS
**ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE
MARGINALISATION OF SLUM DWELLERS AND
INTEGRATING THEM IN THE BROADER URBAN CONTEXT**

CONTEXT



The EU and its Member States consider that a participatory, holistic, integrated and place-based approach to urban development, together with a long term vision, is necessary in order to promote well-managed, liveable, socially inclusive and safe, resilient, resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable as well as economically prosperous towns and cities of all sizes, as well as developing the capability to achieve them.

Promoting inclusive and safe cities and good urban governance are two key pillars of this approach.

BACKGROUND



In spite of great progress in improving the lives of slum dwellers and preventing their formation – represented by a decrease from 39 % to 30 % of urban population living in slums in developing countries between 2000 and 2014 – absolute numbers continue to grow and, in some regions, is sometimes the dominant form of urban development. The slum challenge therefore remains a critical factor for the persistence of poverty in the world, excluding urban dwellers from the benefits of urbanisation and from fair and equal opportunities in terms of living conditions. In the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions in particular, there are increasingly alarming trends in relation to the on-going challenge of slums and rapid urbanisation with more than 200 million slum dwellers already residing in ACP countries' urban centres.

EXPECTED RESULTS



The Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme has:

- reached out to 10.45 million people living in 39 ACP countries and 160 cities, providing the necessary enabling framework for improving the lives of at least 2 million slum dwellers
- influenced an increasing number of countries to support participatory slum upgrading policies and strategies: 8 National Urban Development and Prevention Policies developed and approved.
- targeted directly 67 000 slum households for improved living conditions
- mobilised local co-financing equivalent to 3 times the original EU funds
- dedicated 10% of funds to community managed projects targeting women and youth

APPROACH

The PSUP advocates for

- the engagement of all key urban stakeholders, including slum dwellers themselves and key decision makers for maximum institutional response,
- an integrated approach to urban development across the policy/ legislative, planning and financing thematic areas in particular,
- a city-wide approach institutionalised through national urban and housing policies.

“For the first time, we saw the people in the slums and not just the environment.”

Mrs. Anne Marguerite Fouda Owoundi
- Chief, Survey and Planning Unit,
Ministry of Housing and Urban
Development, Cameroon

LESSONS LEARNED

Participatory approaches enable multiple entry-points for improving the living conditions of slum dwellers and lead to broad mind-set change and ownership for slum upgrading and urban poverty reduction.

The programme's major achievement is to have influenced an increasing number of countries to support slum upgrading policies by joining the programme and committing to the PSUP principles.

There is evidence of **likely sustained political support for slum improvement and prevention in several of the growing interested number of countries.**

There is a significant and ongoing requirement for technical and financial support and capacity development at country/city level particularly in the development and implementation of effective city-wide slum upgrading strategies and the resource mobilization component.

MOVING FORWARD

A follow-up phase will upscale and implement pilot investments aiming at tangible up-scaled slum upgrading interventions in line with citywide slum upgrading and prevention strategies

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Ms. Matholang Ntlhafu-Damane
- Town Clerk, Mafeteng Urban Council,
Lesotho



TOTAL PROJECT VALUE
EUR 29 MILLION (INCLUDING EU CONTRIBUTION
OF EUR 24 MILLION)

FUNDING SOURCE
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9TH, 10TH, 11TH

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