



## Greetings from the PSUP Team!

Unprecedented times require unprecedented measures! Especially in view of the increasing COVID-19 cases in developing countries, slum dwellers need more than ever any form of support to overcome the crisis.

## PSUP engages the private sector in Slum Upgrading

In June we launched our partnership initiative for the private sector with great success - with the support from our partners, the [European Commission \(EC\)](#) and the [Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States \(ACP\)](#). These are the first joint steps working with the private sector to look for best practice community-led solutions, business potential and bankable project innovations for slums and informal settlements. Our initiative started with a three-day web conference. Over 300 participants from eight partner countries, 78 speakers and presenters of 35 best practice innovations jointly identified new ways and measures to provide affordable housing, clean water and improved sanitation in slums. It was also discussed how to ensure sustainable waste management in informal settlements, how

to provide access to health and education and, of course, how to finance it. The results of the conference are impressive:

- We can present four market studies conducted in four countries
- We identified 35 innovations across seven sectors for application in 18 countries
- We pointed out five potential partnerships for deploying innovations in slums

Our initiative now serves a common goal: the development of a long-term project platform that promotes partnerships with the private sector to upgrade the slums. [Learn more](#) about our initiative and support us in this endeavour!



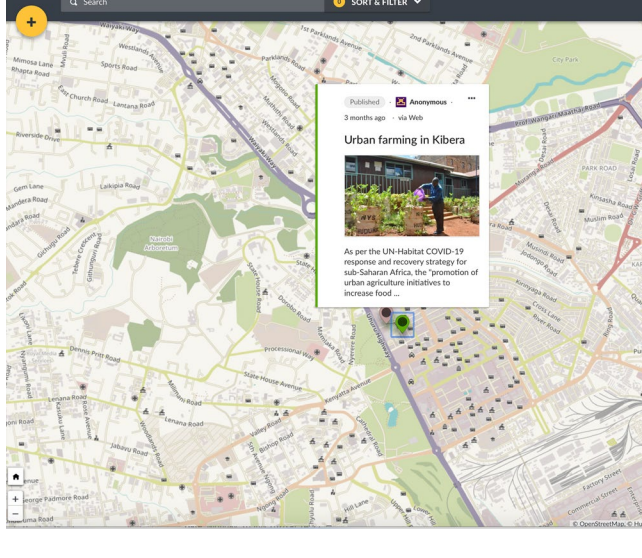
**"We have the COVID-19 momentum and all stakeholders need to play a part for a bigger mission that needs the contribution of the private sector."**

Kerstin Sommer, PSUP-Programme Manager

## NEW Interactive Project Map

We have joined forces with our partner countries and, in cooperation with a research group of the Master Techs4Change at [Politecnico di Torino](#), Italy, compiled best-practice-COVID-19-solutions in slums from different parts of the world in an [Interactive Project Map](#). The projects, case studies and activities presented have proven themselves in the region. They should serve as transferable examples for other cities and slums. The map is also a call for action for solution sharing. Submit your suggestions and have your best practice action included in the PSUP Interactive Project Map. [Contact us](#)

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## UN-Habitat's PSUP Covid-19 Response



### COVID-19 Emergency food supply in the informal settlements of St. James, Jamaica

People living in the poorest areas currently need one thing above all else - something to eat. The St. James Municipal Corporation has recognized this. With the support of the PSUP the Corporation has established a Participatory Informal Settlements Upgrading in some of most vulnerable informal settlements in Montego Bay. 450 care packages with food, face masks and hand sanitizers were distributed to residents of Canterbury, Albion Lane, William Street on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The programme also includes a city-wide environmental sanitation campaign in Montego Bay. The aim is to sensitize people for the pandemic and significantly improve sanitary facilities and waste management.



### Two of Kenya's informal settlements are prepared for COVID-19

We have entered into an agreement with the Kenyan NGO "Shining Hope for Communities" (SHOFCO) in June 2020 to respond to COVID-19 in two settlements of [Majengo](#) and [Mzambarauni](#) in [Mtwapa](#), Kilifi County. Over 30 community leaders had undergone a COVID related health training facilitated by the Kilifi Sub-County Department of Health Services. With the support of SHOFCO these Community Health Volunteers will soon conduct door-to-door health promotion, raise pandemic awareness among the residents, distribute hygiene equipment and collect household-level data across the slums. Handwashing stations have been installed already and clean water is provided.

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## PSUP on World Expo 2021 Selected for the "Untold Stories" – Stream

We are pleased to share the good news. Our slum upgrading project in Ga-Mashie, Accra, Ghana, and the related impact story "[New Roads for Old Accra](#)", has been selected for Dubai Expo 2020, Global Best Practice Programmes. Due to Corona the event was postponed for one year. However, the "Untold Stories" stream includes 25 projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to the urban poor. Our story will soon be published on the World Expo website and will be presented in an exhibition during the Expo from October 2021 to March 2022. We will be happy to keep you updated!



## More News and Updates

### Cooperation with Planet Smart City

PSUP partners with Planet Smart City, a provider of intelligent, affordable housing to develop smart solutions tailored to the needs of slumdwellers. The partnership will build on both partners' experience for community engagement and will initially focus on Kibera and Mathare, two of the biggest slums in Nairobi, Kenya. At the heart of the initiative is the planet Smart City app – a tool that will serve as a digital hub for community engagement and participation. Slum dwellers can use the app to access news and services, for example to order medication or book medical services.

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