

## PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADING

# WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

We improve living conditions for millions of slum dwellers worldwide. We are experts in addressing the diverse challenges in slums and informal settlements.

Our programme was founded in 2008 as a tripartite initiative of the Secretariat of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), the European Commission and UN-Habitat.

About 40 countries and 190 cities are now investing in strategic, participatory slum upgrading activities and sustainable urbanization.

PSUP focuses on the biggest challenges for slum dwellers - the lack of adequate housing and basic services.

WE WANT TO  
MAKE A CHANGE  
IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

We engage affected slum dwellers and key stakeholders to improve access to clean water, sanitation, safe housing conditions and livelihoods as well as tenure security. We concentrate on women's rights and gender equality, and climate resilience, with participation of the local communities in the upgrading process.

This Programme is fundamental to achieving Goal 11, the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda. It is related to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Target 11.1: "By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums".

1 IN 8  
PEOPLE  
LIVE IN SLUMS  
WORLDWIDE

In total, around 1 billion people live in this condition today. If no action is taken, 3 billion people will live in slums by 2030.



# WHY WE TAKE ACTION

## CASE STUDIES

### KENYA

In Mtwapa, a town on the coast of Kenya, 7,000 households benefited from a PSUP slum upgrading pilot project implemented in 2014 by UN-Habitat in collaboration with its partners, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the European Commission and the Government of Kenya. Clean drinking water was provided. Sewers were built and waste disposal was organised. A road network is now in the planning stage.

## WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

PSUP is the outcome of a tripartite partnership initiated by the Secretariat of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, financed by the European Commission and implemented by UN-Habitat.

**We operate through other partnerships:** national and local governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and other stakeholders including from the private sector or universities. And we work closely together with the communities involved.

## WHOM WE APPROACH

People who lack access to some of the most basic things in life: clean water, a toilet and proper sanitation, an adequate house with sufficient living space and a safe home with secure tenure. We want to make a difference in their lives!

Arbitrarily grown, densely populated slums will become communities with a settlement structured according to planning specifications: settlements in which every inhabitant will in future have access to clean drinking water, a toilet, adequate roads, and safe living space. PSUP pursues one principle in particular: participation and initiative. Slum dwellers should have a say in how they want to live in the future and play a decisive role in the development of their communities.

## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Global Learning

Participatory and multilevel governance approach

Inclusive and strategic policy frameworks

Data collection and analysis

Citywide slum upgrading and prevention strategies

Financing strategies for a long-term vision

Participatory neighbourhood planning for incremental transformation

Community Managed Funds for job creation and sustainable livelihoods

Sustainable project design, planning, and monitoring

- 5 million slum dwellers and 190 cities engaged in PSUP
- Over 800 thousand slum dwellers with improved tenure security
- 50 National development frameworks
- 30 Multi-governance national frameworks
- 32 Evidence-based citywide slum upgrading and prevention strategies
- More than 1,200 local and national governments, NGOs and CBOs engaged in implementation

- 268 thousand of women and youth directly engaged through Community Managed Funds
- 94 concept notes for priority projects
- 13 slum neighbourhood community development committees
- 30 Community Managed Funds projects implemented
- 516,203 people with improved living conditions

WHAT HAVE  
WE ACHIEVED  
SO FAR?



# TRANSFORMING A BILLION LIVES



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