Warm Greetings from our PSUP Team!

It is currently difficult to predict how dramatically the coronavirus will continue to affect the world. However, it is already evident that it will hit the world's most vulnerable people the hardest. Rigorous curfews, loss of income, hunger and disease could cost slumdwellers a life-threatening price. They need immediate support and solidarity!

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The more we know about it, the better we can protect ourselves and others.

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Learning from each other is the best way for prevention and recovery.

New Impact Stories

Hakiki, Kenya
UN-Habitat’s PSUP has engaged community members in COVID prevention, handwashing and hygiene trainings over the last month.

Mtwapa, Kenya
Two informal settlements on the Kenyan coast are now well prepared for COVID-19 thanks to support from UN-Habitat’s Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP).

Local governments now have it in their hands

In immediate reaction to the importance of awareness, we have launched our COVID-19 Response Platform which provides governments, communities and key stakeholders with guidelines, strategies, recommendations and action points on how to protect people in slums and informal settlements from a COVID-19 pandemic worst case scenario.

We are pleased to see how many of our partners are interested in our web seminars, which we offer bilingually on our new E-Learning Platform. These courses are learning sessions about best practices for national and local authorities for COVID-19 response in slums and informal settlements, our approaches and tools which can be used for COVID-19 response in slums as well as our strategies to build resilience for the communities after the pandemic.

For more information, please visit our COVID-19 Response Platform under News, Updates & Events.

More News and Updates

We have published our new Handbook: “Participatory Slum Upgrading: A Comprehensive Guide to Addressing Slums in the Urbanisation Agenda.” This handbook aims to support governments and local authorities to better understand what Participatory Slum Upgrading is, how it works, what results it achieves, and how it contributes to the implementation of Agenda 2030.

PSUP has released its new Impact Stories. Check them out below.

New publication with great impact

We proudly present a milestone in our achievements. The PSUP team launched the Caribbean Strategy for Informal Settlements, which aims to guide our Caribbean partner countries on how to successfully upgrade informal settlements. It will serve as a mindset changer to achieving inclusive and resilient urbanization in the region. The Strategy goes in line with the global best practice and development goals, specially Goal 11.1: “by 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums”. It is also aligned with regional Caribbean institutions and policies and grounded in each country’s national experience and capacity.

PSUP visits Senegal for Training

In mid-December 2019, the PSUP conducted a successful mission to Dakar to discuss about the next phase of our project implementation. Our team held a two-day workshop training and got involved in meetings with the Minister of Urbanism, Housing and Public Hygiene, his technical teams as well as representatives of the municipality of Patte d’Oie in Dakar. Senegal’s contribution was particularly important to its success: the Minister reassured his commitment to continue with the PSUP. Take home message for our team: there is a strong need to seek for ways of incorporating PSUP into the national programme on slum upgrading named PROZEBID (Programme Zero Bidonville – “Zero Slums”).

The Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) was set up by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) with support from the European Union. It operates under the umbrella of the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Region Secretariat and is implemented by UN-Habitat.