

Successful approaches to national slum upgrading and prevention: recent experiences in 15 countries

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With over 1 billion people living in slums around the world, there is an increasing need for rapidly urbanizing countries to scale up the efforts in addressing the slum challenge. This will require not only financial resources and long-term political commitments, but also better understanding of the successful experiences of national governments in establishing and instituting policies and programs for slum upgrading and prevention.

Our approach

Responding to this challenge, in 2009, the World Bank Institute, in partnership with Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Program, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German International Cooperation), and Inter-American Development Bank, launched an initiative to document, analyze, and disseminate the lessons from national policies and programs in 15 countries across the world. The 15 countries have been divided into three clusters depending on scale and size:

- **First Cluster:** Brazil, South Africa, India, and Indonesia
- **Second Cluster:** Tunisia, Columbia, Chile, Thailand and Vietnam
- **Third Cluster:** Morocco, Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Kenya



Our program

The program has three components: *Knowledge Development* focuses on capturing slum upgrading and prevention experiences in 15 countries on what has worked, what has not worked, and why. The work focuses on questions around five key themes including: context and policy evolution; policy breakthrough, design of slum policy/program; decision-making of policy/program; implementation of policy/program; and results and lessons learned.

The *Learning Program* shares the country studies outcomes with policy makers and practitioners through an elearning course on the national policy framework and approaches to slum upgrading and prevention, and through regional and in-country workshops held in Cities Alliance

member countries. The learning program is modular, and can be tailored to specific country and regional needs. The course is expected to be completed in 2012.

Knowledge Exchange helps sharing of knowledge and ideas through a global web portal that houses all of the analytical and learning resources, and facilitates a peer learning network among policymakers, practitioners, and other relevant actors on national policies and approaches to slum upgrading and prevention.

The portal and peer learning network of this program is located at the Inclusive Cities site (www.inclusive-cities.info), under the Scaling Up Slum Upgrading section.

Our clients

Cities Alliance member countries, national governments (housing and urban development ministries), sub-national governments (state and local governments), and other practitioners such as academia, the private sector, and NGOs.

Our partners

Cities Alliance (CA), United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and Inter-American Development Bank (IABD).

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