

# PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADING



## Newsletter

December 2020



## Greetings from the PSUP Team!

During COVID-19, poverty grew worldwide, especially in the slums of large cities. For us, however, the crisis year 2020 also set new standards and the course for the future. Next year, we will engage even more with communities, governments and our partners scaling our efforts and injecting new ideas and contributions. We will keep you up to date in 2021!

### PARTNER AND INNOVATE

Join the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme to

#### BUSINESS CASES IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

- Roll out innovative and creative business models for investing in informal settlements
- Unlock business cases in the informal economy in ACP countries and improve lives
- Link business to policy makers

CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS



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PSUP seeks for innovative business solutions to improve people's lives in slums and informal settlements together with local communities

We are launching a **Call for Partnerships** for private sector innovations, for investment proposals and business cases for delivery in our communities.

We look forward to receiving proposals for innovations, solutions, products, methods or services that can help to improve the living conditions of people in slums and informal settlements. This call is about a common goal: to create long-term strategic, financing and

project partnerships. We want to work with the local community to demonstrate the social and economic impact of sustainable business models and prove the power of transformation by communities.

**Partner and Innovate!** with PSUP for business cases in slums and informal settlements.

**Submit your proposal.** Closing date is 1 January 2021.

## Distinguished visit to our project region in Ghana, Ga Mashie, Old Town of Accra

On 16 November the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina J. Mohammed, visited our programme area, the informal settlements of Ussher Town and Jamestown in Ghana's capital in which 100 000 inhabitants have been benefiting from PSUP's work with the Government of Accra and the communities of both settlements. The Deputy Secretary-General was accompanied, among others, by Honourable Mohammed Adjei Sowah, Mayor of Accra and Hannah Serwaa Tetteh, Special Representative to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union, to see our PSUP communal achievements. See our story on the [New Roads for Old Accra](#).

[Read more about the visit](#)



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

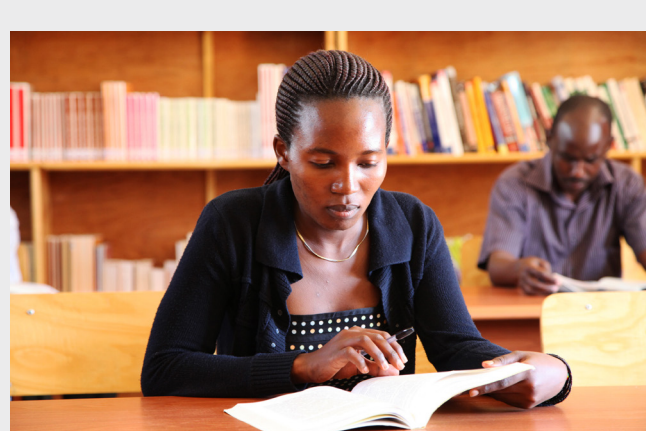


### A few centimetres matter

For the people of Kiribati's Informal Settlements, a few centimetres rise in sea level can be critical. Many of the slums of the islands state in the Pacific Ocean are next to the sea at sea level. The consequences of climate change and rising sea levels has hit them hard. This is compounded by rapid population growth and lack of access to clean water and sanitation, especially in the capital Tarawa. Therefore, a spatial analysis and upgrading strategy was developed for South Tarawa's communities. Our new upgrading project management team on the ground will raise awareness about the situation of the poor, especially on the ongoing pandemic. It will provide training in local communities on how to find affordable solutions and will develop strong partnerships between all stakeholders in the upgrading process.



### Regional Workshop for Africa 2020



In November and early December, we offered a **series of workshops** for our partners on the topic of "Participatory Slum Upgrading". In four sessions, partners from Africa and other international stakeholders learned about the principles of the participatory approach in times of Corona, how to best mobilise partnerships, create a favourable environment for slum upgrading and develop innovative financing frameworks in the pandemic. We are grateful for all the contributions, and we believe in South-South-, North-South and Triangular learning.

## More News and Updates

### PSUP on Dubai Expo 2020

Selected for the "Untold Stories" – Stream

As already announced in our last newsletter, we are happy to keep you informed about our participation in the **World Expo** in Dubai. 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. Our story is now published under the category "Resilient Habitats" (Title: Addressing sustainable urbanization) on the [Dubai Expo website](#).



### PLANET App starts operating in Mathare, Nairobi

Our cooperation with Planet Smart City is now taking shape and gathering momentum. Together with the provider of intelligent, affordable housing we have done the first session for community mobilisation in Mathare, Nairobi. Representatives from five local grass root organisations participated in our workshop on how to use the PLANET App, a mobile platform that will act as a digital hub for community engagement. Through the app, slum residents are able to access news and services, including materials for the prevention of diseases, as well as book medical point services or borrow shared tools and equipment.

[Read more](#)

### COVID-19 response for Haiti

In the framework of our COVID-19 response we have launched our programme in three Haitian cities - Les Cayes, Port au Prince and Jérémie in cooperation with Care International and the municipalities of the respective cities. We trained 30 community-based women groups on the production of face masks, which are distributed among slum dwellers. Our sanitation campaign targeting informal settlements has started. Awareness rising campaigns materials were developed and community-based youth volunteers are being trained to distribute them. They work directly with the community to explain the key messages. In each of the cities we established a project coordination task team within each mayor's office. A COVID-19 protocol for public market and transport nodes is currently being developed and will be implemented in all three cities.

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