

Proposal Summary

India Knowledge Support on Slum Upgrading, Urban Poverty Reduction and Affordable Housing

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South Asia - India

Summary	In the perspective of the urban reforms agenda of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA), the current focus on 'inclusive growth' in the country under 11th Five Year Plan of the Government of India and targeted implementation of projects and programmes in a mission mode, the Project aims at providing knowledge support to the Ministry on Slum Upgrading, Urban Poverty Reduction and Affordable Housing, the key issues that are central to achieving success in its mission and objectives.
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Objectives	Activities
The main objective of the Knowledge Support Project is to provide flexible, long-term, programmatic support to the objectives and mission of the Ministry. In the context of the assessment/expressed needs of the Ministry, the Project would facilitate its access to a comprehensive inventory of knowledge products, mainly global good practices and would include policy notes and customized research. The knowledge recipients under the Project would include, besides the Ministry, the various networks established by the Ministry to support states and cities in mainstreaming urban poverty issues. These include national resource centres and forum for mayors, city managers and researchers.	1.) provide information on international experiences, and/or access to expertise on: a. inclusive urban planning; b. how best to provide access to affordable institutional housing finance, use of subsidy (interest rate subsidy and capital grants), financial intermediation, mortgage guarantee, and mechanisms for efficiently targeting the poor; c. strategies for social housing and city-wide slum upgrading; d. GIS-based information system for implementing city-wide slum upgrading programme; e. experiences in installing mechanisms supporting community action for speedy service delivery to the poor; f. land tenure for slum-dwellers; and g. innovative practices for poverty alleviation and livelihoods support 2.) Knowledge and technical support for drafting policy notes and model legislations, 3.) Facilitate the Ministry in developing a network of global good practices on property rights/rights to city/slum free cities and a global expert group on land, housing, services, financing and urban planning, 4.) Establish a Knowledge Support unit within the Ministry to act as a conduit for flow of information on global good practices and technical inputs to the Ministry, national resource centres and forum of mayors, city managers and researchers, and also flow of information from the Ministry to CA to inform the global community about the innovative housing and urban poverty reduction policies and programmes in India 5.) Exposure visit to international best practices in urban poverty reduction.

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Expected Impacts
Knowledge support as envisioned in the proposal is targeted at national initiatives providing policy and implementation support to national and city-wide networks including national resource centres and networks of mayors, city managers and researchers. Gathers a range of local and international partners to work together to support MoHUPA and GOI to to implement its extensive urban reform agenda and programmes to benefit the more than 80 million poor living in India's cities and towns who do not have acceptable levels of shelter, water, sanitation, health services, education and social security.

