Proposal Summary Tenure Security Facility Southern Africa: the provision of technical assistance and advisory service

Global

Summary

Over the past decade Southern Africa retained its position as the most urbanised of Africa's four regions, with its urbanisation rate increasing from 53.8 to 58.7 per cent from 2000 to 2010. The region is projected to reach a two-thirds urban majority sometime around 2025. This growth is concentrated in larger and medium-sized cities of southern Africa; cities of less than 500,000 people will absorb two-thirds of the urban growth.

The process of urbanization in Africa has been referred to as the 'urbanisation of poverty', as, coupled with high unemployment rates, it generally leads to extremely poor living conditions, mostly in slums (informal settlements). About 62% of people living in towns and cities in sub-Saharan Africa today live in such informal settlements. These settlements are not formally recognized with the result that the households living in them do not have access to land rights and eke out a living on the periphery of the economy.

The Urban Land Market Programme of Southern Africa (Urban LandMark) is a non-profit organisation that was established in 2006 with funding from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID). Urban LandMark aims to improve pro-poor access to land through the promotion of better land governance, increased tenure security and land markets that work better for the poor.

Objectives	Activities	
To provide specialist tenure technical assistance and advisory services to slum upgrading initiatives in the Southern Africa region	1) Two 'Operation of the Market' studies; 2) Panel of experts assembled; 3) Specialist tenure advisory services provided in Luanda and Maputo; 4) Specialist tenure assistance in South Africa; 5) Practical regional guide; and 6) Cross-city analysis.	

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time		
Submitted by: Urban LandMark	CA Sponsor: Department of Human Settlements (South Africa); Slum Dwellers International	Implemented by: Urban LandMark CA Monitor: Federico Silva	Request to CA: Co-Financing: Total Budget:	\$ 250,000 \$ 51,000 \$ 301,000	uration: 2 months

Expected Impacts

1) Improved understanding of how the poor access, hold and trade land in Southern Africa 2) Advice and support provided in Luanda and Maputo on tenure security, in collaboration with partners 3) Specialist tenure technical assistance provided to selected projects in South Africa via NUSP and HDA 4) A practical regional guide on how to improve tenure security developed for use by practitioners and others

