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PSUP’s COVID-19 response

GUIDELINES
Materials and guidance notes
- Guidelines for local authorities
- Community guidelines

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORK
For development of knowledge, research of case studies:
- Catalogue of projects

PSUP APPROACHES
Tailoring approaches, activities and resources to respond to COVID and to support recovery.

COORDINATION MECHANISMS
- Country Teams for coordination
- Mobilizing community champions
  → 19 countries engaged
1 billion slum dwellers – leaving no one behind

**SLUM DEPRIVATIONS**
- Durable housing
- Access to improved water
- Access to improved sanitation
- Secure tenure
- Sufficient living area

**+ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**
- Unstable livelihoods

**INCREASED CHALLENGES: URBAN RURAL LINKAGES**
- Loss of livelihoods and safety nets from family as cities shut down
- Challenged food security
- Displacement and homelessness
- Risk of increased discrimination towards vulnerable (migrants, Women, etc.)
- Limited mobility and access to resources and employment

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Integrated and inclusive responses

- Multi-level governance
- Integrated themes
- People-centered
- Scalable
- Entry-points for long-term recovery

Leveraging the momentum in the Decade of action
National response - adaptable

Actions at national level:

- Synergies
- Moratory on evictions
- Adaptable actions
- Support actions by Local Authorities
- Connectivity – pro-poor responses and social protection

Costa Rica: national guidelines
In Costa Rica, a network coordinated by the national government developed guidelines for local authorities to build an action plan for COVID response adaptation to the context of slums and informal settlements.

PSUP entry points:

- PSUP Country Team and coordination mechanisms
- Financing strategies
- National strategies and approaches
- Data collection to establish the size of the need
- Communication campaigns
- Policy and legal review
Local authorities at the forefront

Actions at local level:

- Integrated and inclusive response plans
- Mobilisation of investment (private sector, Community)

Freetown: Local adaptation

Freetown developed a local action plan to adapt the national measures to the context of slums in preparedness, response and recovery phases including actions to reinforce and tailor national measures in informal settlements.

PSUP entry points:

- City-Wide Strategies
- Financing strategies
- Replication of pilot projects
Community-led actions

Actions at local level:

- Community response plans
- Organization, information, sensitization
- Mapping
- Community-led actions on water, sanitation, waste management, food security, health services, mobility,

Community action in Kenya

**SHOFCO** are working around the clock to mobilize slum communities around the threat of COVID-19 and promote best practices that will prevent or contain spread of the virus in the 11 urban slums.

PSUP entry points:

- Community Managed Fuds
- Pilot projects and basic services interventions
- Community engagement
- Participatory Neighborhood planning
UN-Habitat’s response in Kenya

- UN Country Team
- Technical support to the Ministry and counties
- Coordination at all levels
- Community actions – community organization, information campaigns, handwashing facilities, community asset mapping, livelihood creation, isolation spaces. Building on PSUP’s existing assets in Kibera, Mathare and Mtwapa.
- Monitoring and tracking
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**PARTICIPATORY SLUM UPGRADE**

**TRANSFORMING ACP CITIES, LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND**

PSUP plays a key role in ensuring that informal settlements are not excluded from responses and health and socio-economic considerations are balanced and “no one and no place is left behind.”

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION** sharing through MyPSUP platform at (https://www.mypsup.org/covid-19/)

**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**
PSUP is in daily contact to ensure interaction, exchange and learning in the WhatsApp groups through the mobilized Country Teams.

**LEARNING**
Webinars on COVID-response focusing on the tailoring of PSUP approaches and exchange between countries.

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