

THE CITIES ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP

Who We Are

The Cities Alliance is a global partnership for urban poverty reduction which promotes and

strengthens the role of cities in sustainable development.

What We Do

Well-run and inclusive cities offer an enormous opportunity for achieving sustainable development. The Cities Alliance offers support to cities in providing effective local government, promoting an active citizenship, and encouraging public and private investment.

The Cities Alliance is a unique partnership with a diverse membership which has come

together to strengthen both impacts and coherence. The Cities Alliance seeks to realise this goal by supporting cities and national governments to:

- Develop and/or enhance national policy frameworks to address urban development needs;
- Develop and implement local inclusive strategies and plans;
- Strengthen the capacity of cities to provide improved services to the urban poor;
- Develop mechanisms to engage citizens in city or urban governance; and
- Create conditions conducive to public and private investment.

How We Work

The Cities Alliance partnership works through four business lines:

- **Country/Regional Programmes** are longer-term, programmatic approaches to addressing the specific urban development needs of a selected country or region, normally in the context of rapid urbanisation and the growth of urban poverty.
- **Catalytic Fund (CATF)** grants support policies that catalyse city transformation and activities that enhance innovation and learning.
- **Analytic and Strategic Activities (ASAs)** are flexible, multi-year instruments that focus on sharing knowledge and experience among Cities Alliance members and
- **Communications and Advocacy** activities promote the Cities Alliance's key messages on urban development in order to encourage policies and behaviours that contribute to the vision of sustainable cities without slums.

distill experiences on emerging key issues in international development.