

Key Achievements



An enhanced urban policy framework.

The National Urban Policy (NUP) was supported by the development of related instruments to enhance its operationalisation.



Strengthened institutional capacity of the Urban Development Unit (UDU) to promote Ghana's National Urban Agenda.

Strengthened institutional capacity of the Ghana Institute of Local Government Studies.

The ILGS provided **12** training sessions for local government officials. It also carried out lectures and workshops, and produced training material on participatory urban governance, resilience planning and metropolitan-wide governance.



Participatory cataloguing and profiling of slums.

126 settlements were profiled, **20** new saving groups with **679** savers mobilized, and **700** community leaders trained on participatory community upgrading mechanisms.



An Operational Manual for a Community Investment Fund developed

and presented to the MLGRD that will complement efforts on slum upgrading in low-income communities, especially in GAMA. The fund was inaugurated with a seed fund of **USD 300,000** for community groups.



Pilot community projects implemented.

These projects included an environmentally friendly Bio-Fil toilet system in Ashaiman, alley pavements with drains in settlements in Ashaiman and Ledzokuku Krowor, a community-led waste management project was implemented in AshMA and LaDMA, and a resource centre for Old Fadama.



A robust national urban advocacy campaign with documentaries, radio, and social media.

The campaign helped place Ghana's urbanisation into the spotlight of policy making and change the mindset and behaviour of urban dwellers towards their environment.



A Housing and Urban Advocacy Network (HUDNET) established.

It was launched as a viable advocacy platform on Housing and Urban development.



An assessment of GAMA's WASH needs leveraged further investment.

Through LSC, plans for suitable WASH infrastructure options were prepared. Based on the assessment and plans, the World Bank invested **USD 150 million** for WASH infrastructure projects for the urban poor in GAMA.

Programme Overview

Programme investment: **USD 3,791,749**

The Ghana Country Programme kicked off in 2011, and closed in December 2016. It was designed under Cities Alliance's programme on Land, Services and Citizenship (LSC) to create inclusive and resilient cities without slums, enabling the proactive management of urban growth.

Cities Alliance Country Programme was geographically focused on the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA). There were a total of eight grants and three supporting activities, each was designed with partners to address certain Country Programme objectives across national policies, local strategies and plans, citizen's engagement, and capacity development.

The different projects were programmed as interventions at the national, municipal, and community level. National level interventions primarily covered urban policies, municipal level interventions including governance mechanism; and community level interventions including community development mechanisms and infrastructure projects.

The Partners

- National Development Planning Commission
- Municipal Assemblies
- Ghana Federation of the Urban Poor
- Global Communities
- Channel Two Communications
- Citi FM
- Institute of Local Government Studies
- National University
- Africa Centre for Cities
- Community Land and Development Foundation (COLANDEF)
- Nimba Community Support Services (NIMCOSS)
- Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD)
- World Bank
- Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Slum Dwellers International (SDI) and People's Dialogue

Follow-up



31% increase in the the proportion of households in slum and/or low-income areas with regular access to potable water, between 2013 and 2016



5.5% decrease on city population living in slums, from **40.1%** in 2009 to **37.9%** in 2014



US\$150m Follow up investment from the World Bank for sanitation programme



US\$4.8m investment from DfID to support the provision of sustainable toilet facilities in low-income areas of GAMA



23.22% increase on participation in local election, from **66.5%** in 2008 to **82%** in 2012

Spotlights

A robust national urban advocacy campaign with documentaries, radio, and social media.

“Fixing the Urban Mess”

Broadcast monthly, the four documentaries spearhead the advocacy campaign. The first episode focused on sanitation and the perennial flooding of Accra. The second looked at town planning and inappropriate land use, and their consequences. Episode three focused on urban transportation and the traffic crisis in Accra; and the fourth episode argued the case for accountability and autonomous local government.

“Urban Diaries”

Following the success of “Fixing the Urban Mess”, a second round of 13 TV documentaries were launched, further reinforcing the collective understanding of urban issues. The campaign was complemented by a movement that promotes inclusion and community based monitoring: Know Your City Campaign.

“Our City”

26 weekly programmes - radio documentaries and studio debates. The documentaries were re-broadcast and discussed on social media, and DVD copies and edited transcripts were disseminated to the relevant ministries, stakeholders, civil society organisations and the media.

The Country Programmes Focus

- **Advocacy:** Changing the narrative on urbanisation in the countries of intervention
- **Structural alignment:** Connecting National governments, local governments and communities
- **Visibility of slums:** Putting slums on the map through research and profile, and mobilising slum dwellers as partners in development
- **Partnership:** Long term partnership between the Cities Alliance and its Members and the countries of intervention
- **Alignment and coherence of effort:** Using coordinating/steering committees of local stakeholders and development partners
- **Leveraging investment:** Supporting the planning required to mobilise further investments for infrastructure

About Cities Alliance

Cities Alliance is the global partnership for poverty reduction and promoting the role of cities in sustainable development. Partnership are critical to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We bring together organisations with different perspectives and expertise on city around common goals: well run, productive cities that provide opportunities for all residents.

Our members include multilateral development organisations, national governments, local government associations, international NGOs, private sector and foundations, and academia.

The Cities Alliance operates through a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF). The Cities Alliance Secretariat is based in Brussels, and is hosted by the United Nations Office for Projects Services (UNOPS).

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