

Proposal Summary

Ghana LSC: Building the Capacity of the Urban Poor for Inclusive Urban Development in Ghana

Sub-Saharan Africa - Ghana

Summary	A key component of the Ghana country partnership programme "Land, Services and Citizenship for the Urban Poor," includes activities at the community level aimed at counterbalancing the circumstances that marginalise urban poor communities and infringe on their capacities to be full and active citizens. Perhaps the greatest challenge for the urban poor is the constant threat of eviction and the exploitation they suffer due to the lack of legal protections in the settlement and development of land. In many cities the degree of marginalisation is so complete that urban poor households do not even exist on a map. For the urban poor to be citizens they need to be secure, invest in their households and actively participate in the process of finding solutions to community challenges.
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Objectives	Activities
The main objectives of this activity are: 1. To increase the public knowledge and information available on the magnitude and characteristics of settlements of the urban poor in Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA). 2. To strengthen the capacity of communities to actively engage in constructive, results-oriented public community dialogue. 3. To prepare for the establishment of a Community Social Investment Fund for GAMA	<p>OBJECTIVE 1 Strategy 1: Profile all informal settlements in GAMA. Develop a profile of different settlement typologies within the Greater Accra functional area with a focus on AMA through action research. Strategy 2: Validate the profile through consultations with selected urban stakeholders. Activities</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 2 Strategy 1: Formation and capacity building of settlement-level urban poor organizations. Strategy 2: Exchanges to enable the trained leaders to network, report back to communities and to engage with other urban stakeholders. Strategy 3: Identify a cadre of community leaders and train them for effective engagement with government and stakeholders</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 3 Strategy 1: Mobilize and federate savings groups Strategy 2: Develop an Operational Manual agreed by the eight municipalities, SDI, UDU and Cities Alliance.</p>

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time			
Submitted by: Slum Dwellers International	CA Sponsor: Slum Dwellers International	Implemented by: People's Dialogue on Human Settlements CA Monitor: Andrea Zeman	Request to CA:	\$ 700,000	Duration:	36 months
			Co-Financing:	\$ 405,000		
			Total Budget:	\$ 1,105,000		

Expected Impacts
1. Increased public knowledge and information about the magnitude and characteristics of settlements of urban poor in GAMA. 2. Strengthened capacity of at least 50,000 squatter and slum dweller households in GAMA to actively engage in constructive, result-oriented public community dialogue. 3. At least 50,000 squatter and slum dweller households in GAMA improved their qualitative and quantitative access to municipal services

