



### Warm Greetings from our PSUP Team!

It is currently difficult to predict how dramatically the coronavirus will continue to affect the world. However, it is already evident that it will hit the world's most vulnerable people the hardest. Rigorous curfews, loss of income, hunger and disease could cost slumdwellers a life-threatening price. **They need immediate support and solidarity!**

### UN-Habitat & PSUP COVID-19 Response



The more we know about it, the better we can protect ourselves and others

It is our innermost agenda to leave no one behind, especially in times of a human crisis! PSUP has set up several platforms where our partners in 40 countries exchange information and experiences on how to fight COVID-19 in slums and informal settlements: To strengthen the affords of prevention for the urban poor, to implement urgent action plans and to mobilize funds.

1. We have set up **WhatsApp groups** (separated by Anglo & and Francophone partner countries) for our focal points in our partner countries to inform and keep each other updated.
2. We have developed **Guidelines for Local Authorities – COVID-19 Mitigation in Informal Settlements**.

3. UN-Habitat has launched its **COVID-19 Response Plan** and the **COVID-19 Campaign**

4. We also have the pleasure to share with you the **UN-Habitat Key Messages on COVID and Informal Settlements** and the **UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19**



### Local governments now have it in their hands

In immediate reaction to the importance of awareness, we have launched our **COVID-19 Response Platform** which provides governments, communities and key stakeholders with guidelines, strategies, recommendations and action points on how to protect people in slums and informal settlements from a COVID-19 pandemic worst case scenario.



**BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND SLUMS**

**RENFORCER LA RÉSIENCE POUR LA PRÉPARATION, LA RÉPONSE ET LE RECOUVREMENT AU COVID-19 DANS LES QUARTIERS INFORMELS ET LES BIDONVILLES**

**NEWS, UPDATES & EVENTS**

### Learning from each other is the best way for prevention and recovery

We are pleased to see how many of our partners are interested in our web seminars, which we offer bilingually on our new **E-Learning Platform**. These courses are learning sessions about best practices for national and local authorities for COVID-19 response in slums and informal settlements, our approaches and tools which can be used for COVID-19 response in slums as well as our strategies to build resilience for the communities after the pandemic.

For more information, please visit our **COVID-19 Response Platform** under News, Updates & Events



### New Impact Stories



#### Nairobi, Kenya

UN-Habitat's PSUP has engaged community members from the informal settlements of Mathare and Kibera in COVID prevention, handwashing and hygiene trainings over the last month.

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#### Mtwapa, Kenya

Two informal settlements on the Kenyan coast are now well prepared for COVID-19 thanks to support from UN-Habitat's Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP).

### More News and Updates

**New publication with great impact**  
We proudly present a milestone in our achievements. The PSUP team launched the **Caribbean Strategy for Informal Settlements**, which aims to guide our Caribbean partner countries on how to successfully upgrade informal settlements. It will serve as a mindset changer to achieving inclusive and resilient urbanization in the region. The Strategy goes in line with the global best practice and development goals, specially Goal 11.1: "by 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums". It is also aligned with regional Caribbean institutions and policies and grounded in each country's national experience and capacity.

**PSUP visits Senegal for Training**  
In mid-December 2019, the PSUP conducted a successful mission to the next phase of our project implementation. Our team held a two-day workshop training and got involved in meetings with the Minister of Urbanism, Housing and Public Hygiene, his technical teams of Patte d'Oie in Dakar. Representatives of the municipality of Patte d'Oie in Senegal's contribution was particularly important to its success: the Minister reassured his commitment to continue with the PSUP. Take home message for our team: there is a strong need to seek for ways of incorporating PSUP into the national programme on slum upgrading named PROZEBID (Programme Zero Bidonville – "Zero Slums").