

Slum Dwellers International

SDI is a global network of the urban poor and chair of the Grassroots Group of the General Assembly of Partners towards Habitat III. We have demonstrated that cities have to work with urban poor communities to collect data and maps of all informal settlements in the city as the basis for inclusive partnerships between communities of the urban poor and local government. This has proven to be a critical starting point for meaningful development interventions to address the issues facing our cities, particularly in the informal sector, including human settlements and economy, which constitutes the majority of our cities' people.

There can be no inclusive or equitable development planning and investment, nor effective city governance if the increasing majority of the residents of informal settlements remain unaccounted for. The recognition and incorporation of community-driven data into city planning is the beginning of forming a relationship with those who have remained invisible in city planning in the past. As such, we call on urban decision makers to work in partnership with organised communities of the urban poor to co-produce inclusive urban habitat and infrastructure solutions.