

PRO-POOR PLANNING OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN MARGINALIZED NEIGHBORHOODS

ROLE OF UN-HABITAT:

UN-Habitat, in its mission to promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all, has identified the emerging challenge of urban climate resilience building in marginalized settlements, particularly in the Least Developed Countries. Communities living within slums are the most vulnerable to climate change impacts in urban areas- such as floods, sea-level rise, storms, landslides, heat stress, and drought and water scarcity, due to their location on hazardous areas, lack of risk-reducing infrastructure/ services and low adaptive capacity

Merging the work of its Climate Change Planning Unit (CCPU) and the Participatory Slum Upgrading Program (PSUP) in addressing the effects of climate change and urban poverty, UN-Habitat has initiated the **“Pro-Poor Planning for Climate Resilience of Marginalized Neighborhoods Project”** within the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) region.

PROJECT FACTS:

AIM:

Improved climate resilience in informal settlements

FUNDING PARTNER:

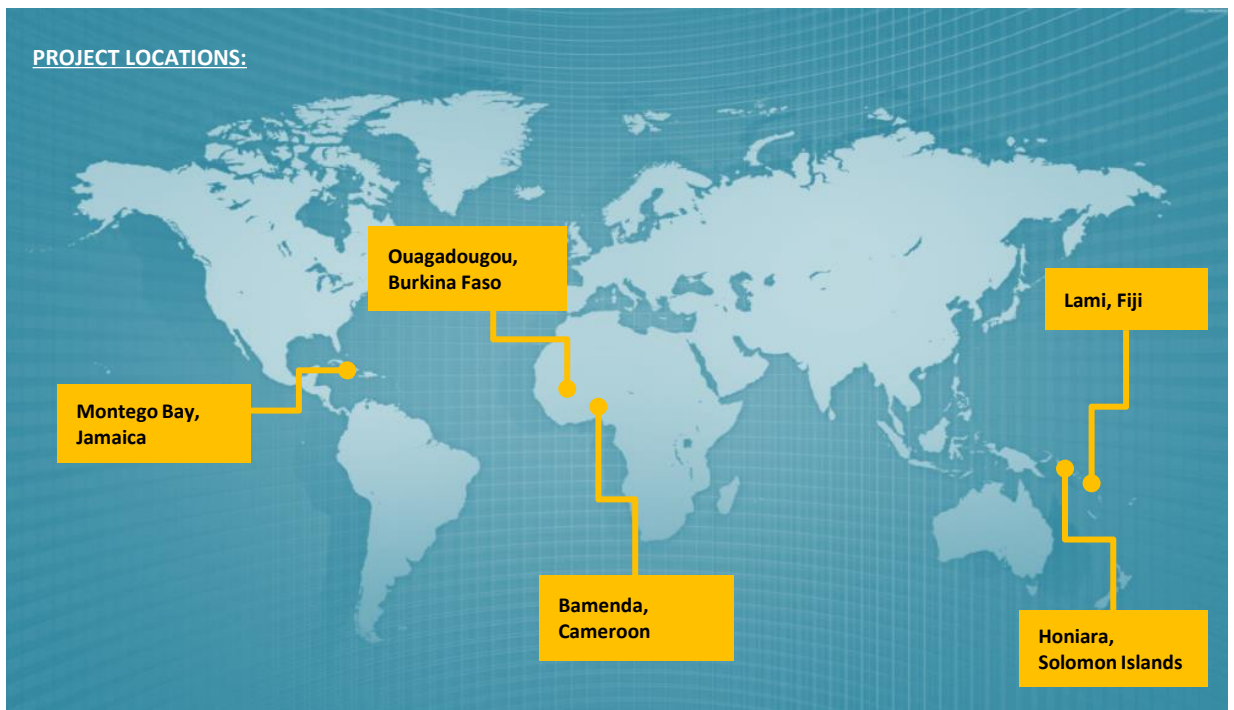
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)

DURATION:

3 Years (Aug 2016-Dec 2019)



PROJECT LOCATIONS:



EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Resilience planning and infrastructure development in pilot projects
2. Community-based adaptation
3. Vertical integration of marginalized neighborhood climate-resilience planning into city-wide efforts
4. Knowledge creation for climate resilience planning for marginalized neighborhoods

CALL FOR PARTNERS:

This project aims to bring together a wide array of partners such as the United Nations family; research/academic institutions such as the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); regional bodies such as the Africa-Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Commission; National and Local Governments, private sector, and local communities.

For interest in partnering with us, kindly get in touch with us on CCCI@unhabitat.org

IMPLEMENTATION:

A desk review of existing UN-Habitat tools, methodologies and approaches to climate change and resilience planning, slum interventions and community engagement and capacity development is ongoing and will form the foundation for actual project interventions. Community engagement in the respective project locations will be done, based on the already established PSUP partnerships, to identify location specific interventions.

The project will employ a participatory approach in order to carry out the neighborhood vulnerability assessments and resilience planning exercises, and in order to link the community planning to the city wide planning processes.

It is expected that pilot community-driven resilience interventions will have a key effect on improving local climate resilience, while positioning neighborhood-level interventions within broader city-wide efforts to build overall city climate resilience.

ADVOCACY:

This project will utilize various forums for advocacy and outreach. Local advocacy will be achieved through the training of local city or sub-city officials, capacity building of local communities to prepare neighborhood climate resilience plans, and through the use of community maps/ plans in city-wide processes and national forums.

Global advocacy will revolve around participation in forums such as the Resilient Cities Conferences, the World Urban Forum, the annual end-of-year Conferences of Parties to the UNFCCC, as well as PSUP key events.

KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY BUILDING:

This project will create and disseminate knowledge on climate resilience in marginalized neighborhoods, through channels such as: the preparation of training materials, guides and toolkits, online course development and urban lectures.

All these materials will be provided in multiple languages, and incorporating case studies and lessons learnt as much as possible. This will also serve as an entry point in strengthening the climate resilience component of PSUP overall.

