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In Mtwapa, a town on the coast of Kenya, 7,000 households benefited from a PSUP slum upgrading pilot project implemented in 2014 by UN-Habitat in collaboration with its partners, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the European Commission and the Government of Kenya. Clean drinking water was provided. Sewers were built and waste disposal was organized. A road network is now in the planning stage.

In Accra, the unique Old Town area of Ga Mashie has been undergoing upgrading by PSUP since 2008. In the two historic settlements of Jamestown and Usshertown there are now paved streets and sewer systems almost everywhere. There are public and private toilets, as well as a municipal waste disposal system connected to the public refuse collection system.

We improve living conditions for millions of slum dwellers worldwide. We are experts in addressing the diverse challenges in slums and informal settlements.

Our programme was founded in 2008 as a tripartite initiative of the Secretariat of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, the European Commission and UN-Habitat.

About 40 countries and 190 cities are now investing in strategic, participatory slum upgrading activities and sustainable urbanization.

PSUP focuses on the biggest challenges for slum dwellers - the lack of adequate housing and basic services.

We engage affected people and key stakeholders to improve access to clean water, sanitation, safe housing and basic services, as well as facilitate inclusive, community-driven urban development and safe and efficient urban services by local communities in the upgrading process.

WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

PSUP is the outcome of a tripartite partnership initiated by the Secretariat of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, financed by the European Commission and implemented by UN-Habitat.

We operate through a network of national and local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders including from the private sector or universities. And we work closely together with the communities involved.

We want to make a difference in their lives! Arbitrarily grown, densely populated slums will become communities with a settlement structured according to planning specifications: settlements in which every inhabitant will in future have access to clean drinking water, a toilet, adequate roads, and safe living space. PSUP helps people gain control as they learn to find out how they want to live in the future and play a decisive role in the development of their communities.

WHAT DO WE APPROACH?

People who lack access to some of the most basic things in life: clean water, a toilet and proper sanitation, an adequate house with sufficient living space and a safe home with secure tenure. We want to make an impact in their lives.

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WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Global Learning
Participatory and multidisciplinary governance approaches
Inclusive and strategic policy frameworks
Data collection and analysis
Citywide slum-upgrading and prevention strategies
Financing strategies for a long-term vision
Participatory neighbourhood planning for incremental transformation
Community Managed Funds for job creation and sustainable livelihoods
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