# Empowering Asian slum-dwellers with city-wide solutions for participatory planning and infrastructure budgeting with Local Authorities

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Sustainable Development Goals Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

## **Summary**

They have mainstreamed slum-dweller engagement in local authority planning and budgeting through sustained and repeated practices of local-level participatory planning, benefitting over 31,600 people from 82 communities across 6 municipalities in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

# **Actions and Implementation**

Communities not only plan, but take a lead as appropriate infrastructure choices are installed. A sustainable mechanism developed for slum based associations, leading to demand generation for infrastructure services and other needs. Continuous engagement of local authorities with slum people to provide demand-led services, leveraging at least €2 million (more than the project's budget) in additional infrastructure investments by the project's third year. 18,800 slum dwellers directly benefited from infrastructure and service improvements, and livelihoods generated for 337 people. Slum dwellers enjoy lower health costs, increased respect in the town, and greater socio-economic and cultural opportunities. Marginalized groups such as harijan sweepers, displaced people and women-headed households benefited in particular.

#### **Innovative Initiative**

Empowerment in the urban place - slum dwellers

## **Resources devoted to delivery**

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