

#### **What is We Effect:**

- Founded in 1958
- Over 60 member organizations from banks, insurance companies, farmer organizations, housing companies,
- Operate in more than 20 countries in four continents
- Regional offices in Skopje, Nairobi, Lusaka and Guatemala City
- Head office in Stockholm, Sweden
- Vision: a sustainable and just world free of poverty
- Legitimacy Cooperative values –
   Empowerment Presence Longterm
   Justice



Betty Makiseru, Kwefaako Housing Coop, Kampala



#### We Effect Global Strategy 2017-2021

1. In 2021, We Effect will be Sweden's primary player and promoter of development work in support of gender equality within sustainable rural development and adequate housing

2. In 2021, women (within We Effect's partner organisations) will have the same rights as men to access financial resources and the opportunity to own and control land.

#### Fighting poverty with gender equality

# CHANGING THE WORLD BY 2030

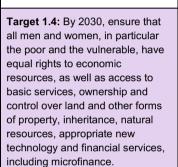














Target 2.4: By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.

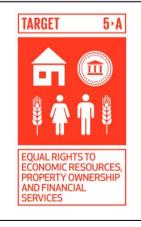


Target 5.a: Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.



RESOURCES







#### **Gender equality**

Sustainable rural development

Adequate housing

Right to land

**Financial inclusion** 

**Sustainable environment** 

# Creating housing programmes from a rights perspective

More than four walls and a ceiling – including the right to habitat

- Right to water and sanitation
- Right not to be evicted
- Right to safety
- Right to protection from violence



Kindergarten Yukyty, Bañados Sur, Asunción, Paraguay



### ADDING THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

- Open and voluntary membership
- Democratic member control
- Financial participation
- Independence
- Education and information
- Cooperation between coops
- Respect for community (and environment)



Housing project Sri Lanka



# The four pillars of our housing cooperatives

- Self Management
- Mutual cooperation
- Collective property
- Technical assistance

Member organizations Technical support organizations



**Dorothy Baziwe, SSA-UHSNET Uganda** 



#### **Example: Central and South America**

- More than 600 cooperatives
- Parts from the lead model in Uruguay
- Gender Equality in focus
- More projects in urban areas
- Focus on:
  - Capacity building
  - Advocacy
  - Organizational development
  - Financial inclusion



Leidy Polanco, ECTR Northern Colombia



#### **Progress and challenges**

#### TIME!

- Legal frameworks
- Land issues
- Financial support for construction
- Migration & crime
- Sustainability



Marta Cañengüez & son Isaac, El Salvador



#### **PROGRESS:**

- Building communities
- Conflict resolution
- Livelyhood initiatives
- Care Economy
- Governmental commitment
- Global recognition



Yoni Espinal & Amada Iveth Martínez, COVIMARL Honduras





Rosa Caan, Chisec, Guatemala



# **Example: the Philippines 42,900 rights holders**

Women = 25,740 or 60%

#### **Rural Poor**

- Small landholders (lowland and upland)
- Communities with land rights issues
- Indigenous Peoples
- Artisanal fishers

Informal Settler/Homeless Families
Workers in the informal economy
Cooperatives in general –
mainstreaming gender equality





The Programme "Together": Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas OBJECTIVE:

Improved access to adequate housing of at least 17,000 families who have no security of tenure in their dwelling places and living in danger zones, and/or survivors of disasters whose homes have been destroyed.





### Strategy: Organizational Development of Housing Cooperatives/Associations

- Strengthening of governance, management, and/or service delivery
- >systems of HCs including integration of gender policies
- Capacity building so that they can *develop*people's proposals to access funds from
  agencies and other housing financing agencies to address their
  need for adequate housing
- Capacity building on **estate management** for HCs that have move in or about to move in their new homes in socialized housing projects
- Capacity building in **social enterprise development** that HCs can establish and operate to support the livelihood of the members.



### **Quality strategy**

#### **Housing Construction**

- Adoption of *green building technologies* in the construction of houses
- Adoption of *renewable energy*, and *urban gardening* (incl. waste management)
- Designing of houses and lay-out of housing site that catered to the *gender-specific needs*
- **➤**WASH integration