

Cities by and for their inhabitants

What is our mission?

We support **groups of inhabitants** who strive to transform the city through **collaborative**, **non-speculative and community-led processes**, making it more sustainable and inclusive, and to implement their rights to the City and to adequate housing.

- **→ SDG 11 / NUA Habitat3** (art.107)
- **→** Social Production of Habitat

What is our strategy?

We intervene:

- in Switzerland and France by providing participatory technical support to public actors and housing cooperatives.
- through international cooperation projects supporting groups of low-income inhabitants in their participatory housing projects.
- by coordinating the CoHabitat Network, an international platform that aims to promote community-led housing globally.

Where are we active?

O . . . North America

USA & Canada Community land trusts Housing Cooperatives • Europe

Switzerland, France & Eastern Europe

Housing Cooperatives
Community land trusts

• Central America

NicaraguaMutual Aid Housing Cooperatives

Africa

Senegal & African region

Slum upgrading Saving groups

Asia · ·

Thailand & Asian region

Slum upgrading Collective Housing Saving groups



Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, ColombiaMutual Aid Housing Cooperatives

One concrete project

Nicaragua, Matagalpa

2008-2015
Land use planning

Local partners: 10 municipalities

Since 2015

Development of Mutual Aid Housing Cooperatives

Local partner: MULTIPRO, cooperative for technical assistance / coopmultipro.org





Achievements

- Formalization of 7 housing cooperatives in 5 municipalities (200 persons)
- Creation of 1 revolving fund
- Acquisition of 4 plots of land

Main challenges

Access to land & affordable finance

How do we tackle these challenges?

Support from the public authorities

- Supportive legal framework and inclusive policies
- Subsidies and accessible financial tools

Solidarity-based financial mechanisms

- Local and regional revolving funds
- International cooperation



An international solidarity mechanism



- Based on donations and on "solidarity deposits"
- Funds are lent to the revolving funds managed by our local partners in Senegal and Nicaragua
- More information: urbamonde.org/fonds

Thank you!

More information: urbamonde.org / co-habitat.net