



FACILITATORS

Module 1

Chapter 1 Overview



MODULE 1: THE CASE FOR INCREMENTAL UPGRADING

Module purpose

This module aims to give participants an understanding of the definitions and concepts of informal settlements and why they are an emergency in South Africa at present. The module explains what is meant by an incremental approach to upgrading informal settlements and why it is a relevant approach, so that participants can promote incremental upgrading as an effective strategy to respond to the needs of the urban poor.

Learning outcomes

After participating in the module, participants should be able to:

- Explain the key criteria of an informal settlement;
- Describe the main features of the informal settlement context in South Africa and why it is an emergency;
- Explain the implications of the Constitutional rights of informal settlement residents;
- Explain how informal settlements relate to towns and cities as a whole and the implications of this for municipalities;
- Describe what incremental informal settlement upgrading is and discuss its advantages and limitations.

Module duration

1 day (6.5 hours)

Resources that will be used in the module

- Participant manual
- PowerPoint slides
- Video: A Policy and Strategy for Upgrading
- Video: Lindi's Story
- Projector and speakers

Handouts

- Handout Activity 1.2 Debrief Key Points
- Handout Activity 1.4 Perception
- Handout Activity 1.5 Problems Facing Municipalities
- Handout Activity 1.5 Debrief Key Points Problems Opportunities

- Handout Activity 1.6 Debrief Key Points Responding to Objections

Facilitator references

- Facilitator Resource: Constitutional Court Cases
- See resources in the Toolkit
- See references at the end of the Participant Manual

Content and timing

CONTENT TOPIC/SECTION	TIME (minutes)
Introduction to the module	5
1 What are informal settlements?	20
TOTAL TIME: SECT 1	25 min
2 Who lives in informal settlements?	20
TOTAL TIME SECT 2	20 min
3 Informal settlements are an emergency	
3.1 How living in an informal settlement impacts on households	10
3.2 The negative consequences of living in informal settlements	20
3.3 Positive aspects of informal settlements	10
3.4 The reason for the situation: how did we get here?	35
TOTAL TIME SECT 3	75 min
4 The rights of people living in informal settlements	
4.1 Rights in the Constitution	10
4.2 Principles arising from Constitutional Court cases	20
TOTAL TIME SECT 4	30 min
5 Informal settlements and the town or city	
5.1 Relationships between the informal settlement and the town/city	30
5.2 Challenges and opportunities for municipalities	50
TOTAL TIME SECT 5	80 min

6	The case for incremental upgrading of informal settlements	
6.1	Key features of incremental informal settlement upgrading	30
6.2	Constraints of conventional housing delivery	15
6.3	Policy shifts towards informal settlement upgrading	5
TOTAL TIME SECT 6		50 min
7	Informal settlements cannot be ignored	45
TOTAL TIME SECT 7		45
Module Conclusion		35
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TOTAL MODULE TIME		360 (6 hrs)