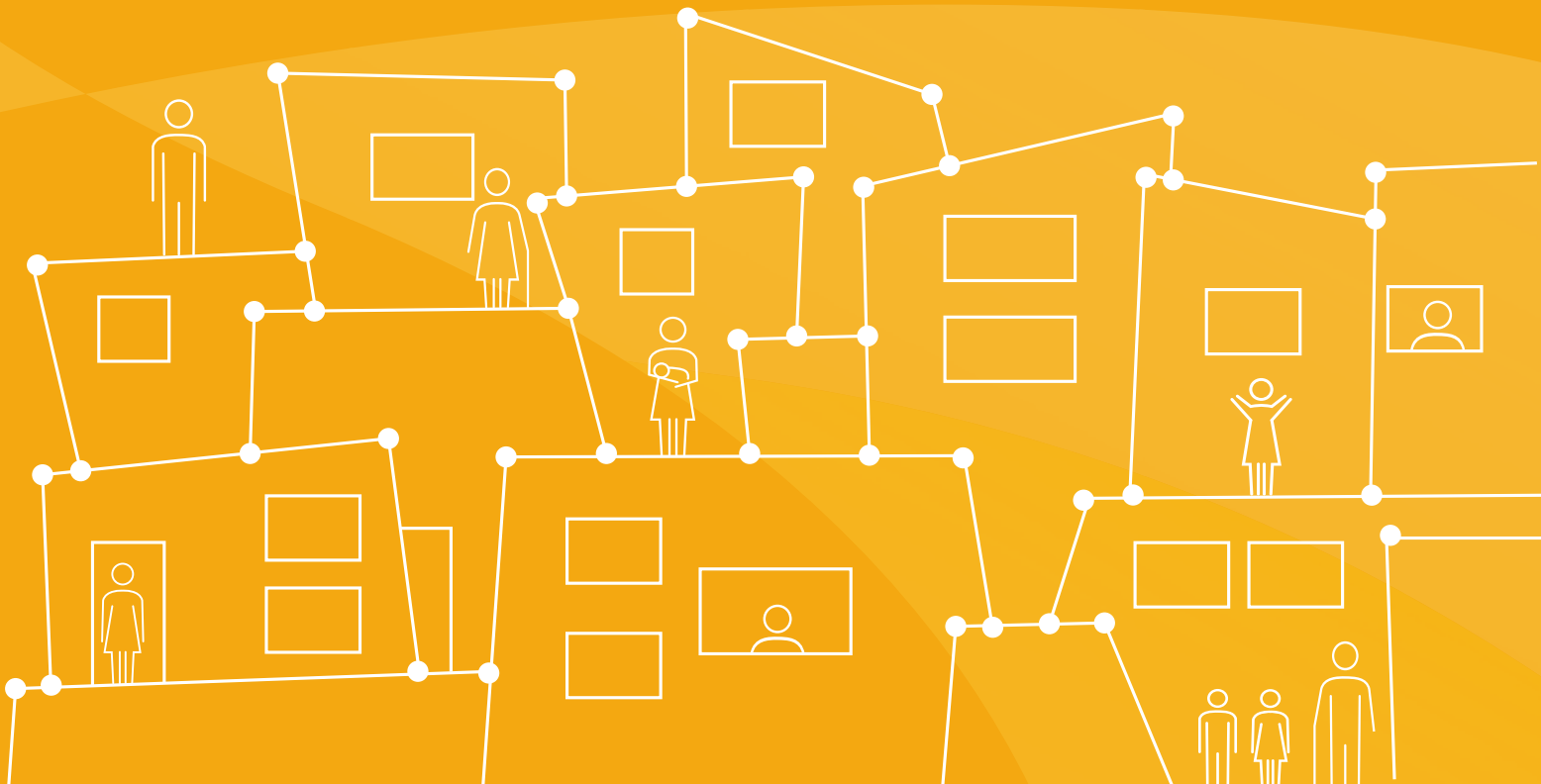


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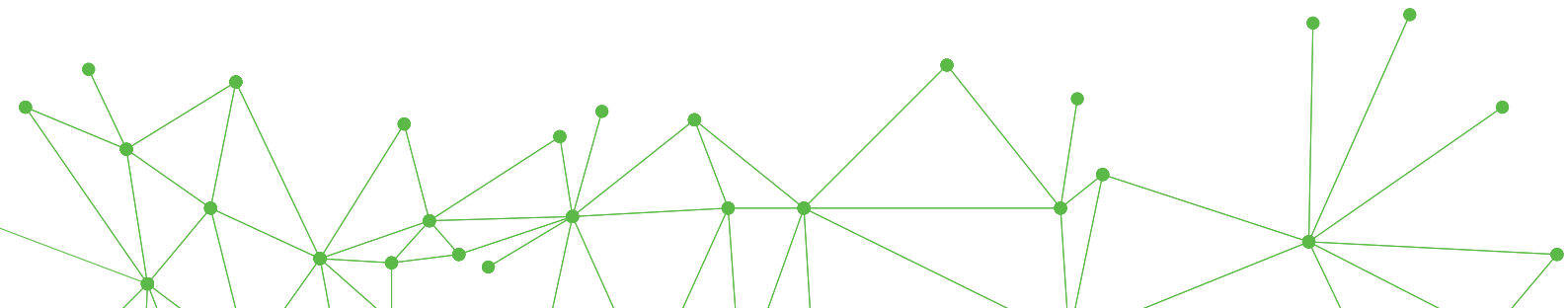
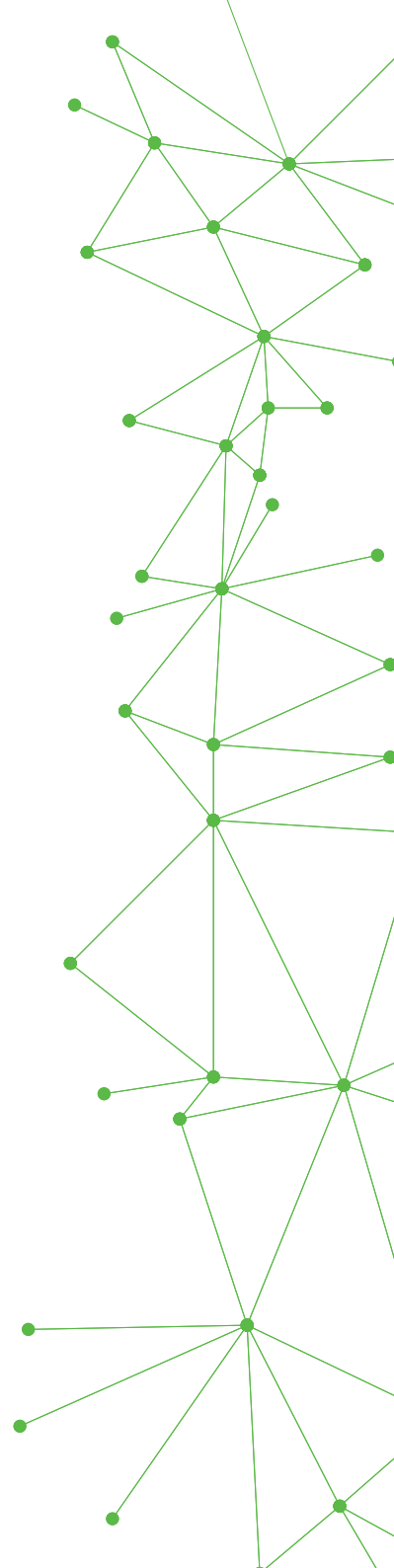


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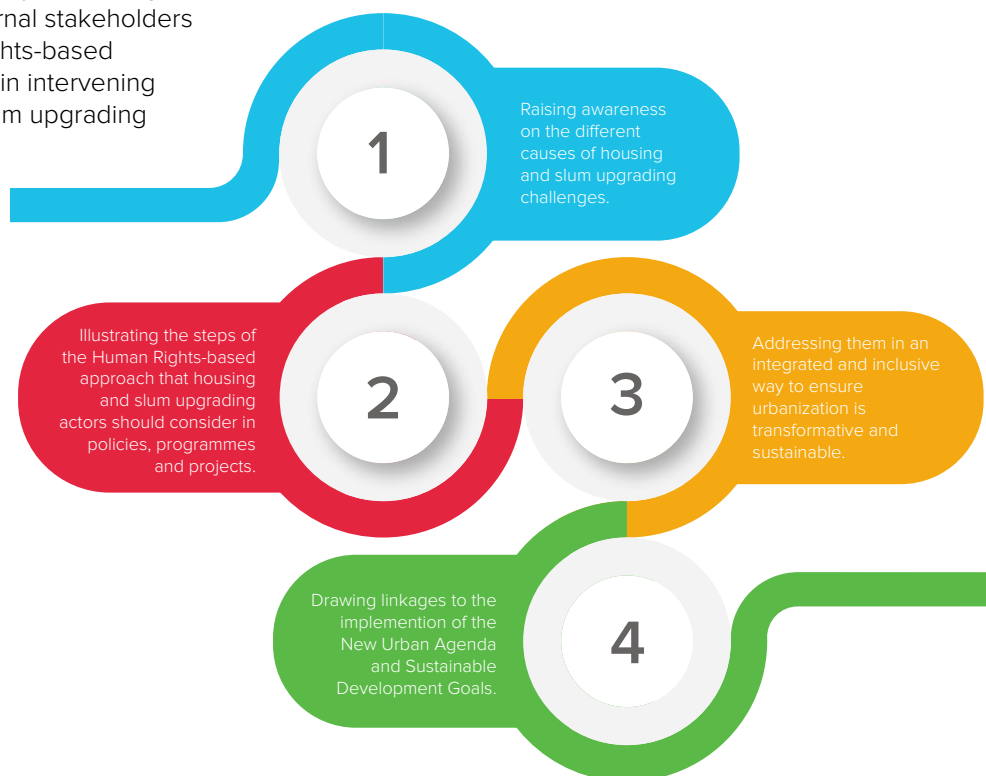
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CMFs	Community Managed Funds
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CWSUS	City-wide slum upgrading strategy
GHS	Global Housing Strategy
GLTN	Global Land Tool Network
H@C	Housing at the Centre
HABITAT III	United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development
HRBA	Human Rights-Based Approach
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NCWCOPC	National Coalition of World Cup and Olympics Popular Committees
NUA	New Urban Agenda
PPR	Practice of Rights Project
PSUP	Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UPR	Universal Periodic Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This handbook is a guide for housing and slum upgrading practitioners in using the human rights-based approach in their interventions.

The realization of the human right to adequate housing of all urban residents is a prerequisite for inclusive and sustainable urban centres for all. Yet, almost 1 billion people of the world's urban population live in inadequate housing conditions in slums and at least 2 million people in the world are forcibly evicted every year, while millions are threatened with forced evictions. Violation of the right to adequate housing leads to spatial fragmentation and increases the risk of a deficit of also other human rights, by groups who are discriminated, marginalized and excluded.

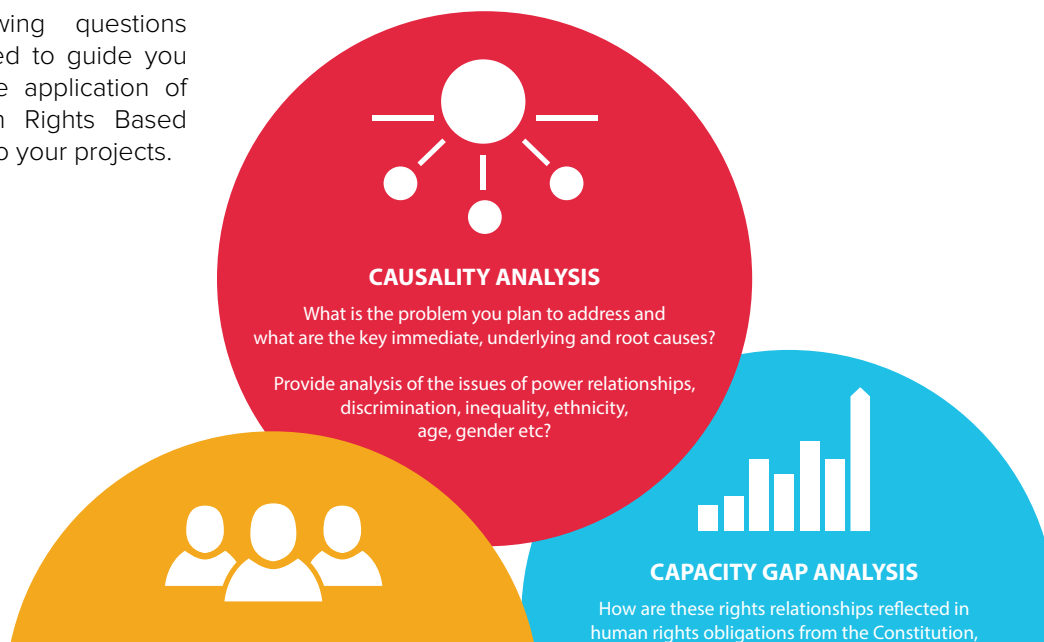
The purpose of this handbook is to improve upon this by increasing the capacities of external stakeholders on the Human Rights-based Approach (HRBA) in intervening in housing and slum upgrading through:



The Handbook also advocates for the use of the HRBA in preventive measures (such as the provision of new housing stock and policy) as well as curative interventions (such as the upgrading of slums and informal settlements) in the planning and design, implementation, and the monitoring and evaluation phases. As such, it prioritizes re-focussing urban development priorities to those in vulnerable situations to ensure that they benefit from and are involved in strategies for combatting inequalities and segregation in towns and cities.

HRBA in Practice

The following questions can be used to guide you through the application of the Human Rights Based Approach to your projects.



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