



THEORY OF CHANGE

The overall intended impact of SDI's work is the creation of inclusive and resilient cities where the lives of the urban poor are substantively improved.

Pathways to change

What SDI does

What change looks like

Outcomes



Settlement

- We organize women-led savings groups and network them at settlement level
- We profile, enumerate, and map our settlements
- We mentor and train women leaders
- We support livelihood-building
- We equip youth with multi-media documentation skills
- We conduct settlement forums for dialogue between communities, government, and other urban stakeholders

We see slum settlements that are recognized by the city, have secure tenure, and universal access to basic services. We see safe and healthy communities where social cohesion is evident and even those with low incomes have access to economic livelihood opportunities and pro-poor credit. We see communities engaged in dialogue with government and our youth filled with opportunity and hope.

- Improved public health and safety
- Enhanced livelihoods
- Integrated and resilient neighborhoods
- Greater strategic influence of the urban poor



City

- We network savings groups into city-scale federations
- We support partnerships between city governments and federations
- We produce citywide profiles and maps of all informal settlements
- We support city forums to shape urban policy and practice
- We establish community upgrading funds
- We support peer-to-peer exchange
- We design, build, and manage slum upgrading projects

We see cities where development is inclusive and urban decision makers recognize and value the skills, knowledge, and data of organized urban poor communities. We see institutionalized collaboration spaces for dialogue and strong partnerships for the coproduction of transformative policy, practice, and investment. We see citywide improvements to tenure security, housing, infrastructure, services, and livelihoods. We see slum upgrading supported by innovative pro-poor finance instruments that improve the lives of the poor and inclusivity and resilience of the city at large.

- Institutionalized collaboration between the urban poor and government
- Pro-poor data driven development
- Equitable and integrated urban policy implementation
- Expanded pro-poor financing instruments



Global

- We participate in global debates to influence policy
- We support regional hubs of national slum dweller federations
- We support peer-to-peer exchange between federations and their partners
- We manage Urban Poor Fund International (UPFI) and other community finance facilities
- We use our data to inform, monitor, and evaluate development agendas and commitments

We see a world where organized urban poor communities are considered valued partners in urban development decision-making and where investment in inclusive and resilient urban development is prioritized. We see global decision-makers exhibit an increased capacity to integrate community driven knowledge in policy and practice, enhancing the social, human, physical, political, and economic capital of urban poor communities and enabling transformation of the status quo.

- Global urban decision-making is slum-friendly as a result of collaboration with the urban poor
- Global public sentiment supports slum-friendly cities
- Greater global investment in pro-poor urban development