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* [Will 2017 be the year of the African Affordable Housing Revolution?](http://afkinsider.com/136579/will-2017-be-the-year-of-the-african-affordable-housing-revolution/)
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**UPCOMING EVENTS*** [OLC Course: Upgrading Urban Informal Settlements (Facilitated),](https://wbg.sabacloud.com/Saba/Web_spf/NA1PRD0002/common/leclassdetail/regdw000000000547145?context=user&learnerId=emplo000000000029515) February 20, 2017
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**NETWORTHY ACADEMIC RESEARCH**[**Sustainability assessment of a slum upgrading intervention in Bangladesh (View details)**](http://www.sciencedirect.com.libproxy-wb.imf.org/science/article/pii/S0264275116300269)Degert, Isoline; Parikh, Priti; Kabir, Rumana**Abstract**:  This article presents a holistic methodology for evaluating sustainability and poverty reduction impact of infrastructure projects in developing countries through societal, economics, institutional and environmental dimensions. ASPIRE toolkit uses qualitative evidence which feeds into 96 indicators producing visual outputs. The methodology and toolkit are applied to the evaluation of an infrastructure upgrading project in Korail, Bangladesh.Cities, July 2016, Vol.56, pp.63-73 [Peer Reviewed Journal][**Community-supported slum-upgrading: Innovations from Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_sciversesciencedirect_elsevierS0197-3975(16)30433-7&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484950152830) Meredith, Thomas; Macdonald, Melanie**Abstract:** Slum upgrading is accepted as a priority for sustainable development. While there are clear challenges to upgrading, local support and community engagement are seen as essential to success. A hybrid approach that engages the community while mobilizing the resources of governments and large agencies can overcome some of these limitations, but it is not without complications.Habitat International, February 2017, Vol.60, pp.1-9[**An examination of the jobs-housing balance of different categories of workers across 26 metropolitan regions** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_gale_ofa471941504&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484683243879) Schleith, Daniel; Widener, Michael; Kim, Changjoo**Abstract:** This paper examines 26 metro regions in the U.S. that were previously measured in 2002 to see how commuting travel has changed between 1990 and 2003 and from 2003 to 2013. In this manuscript the excess commuting framework, disaggregated across a number of categories of commuters. These disaggregations illuminate interesting trends in the jobs-housing balance and resulting commuting patterns of different kinds of workers across U.S. metro regions. Journal of Transport Geography, 2016, Vol.57, p.145(16)[**Have distressed neighborhoods recovered? Evidence from the neighborhood stabilization program** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_wos000388912100003&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484683243936) Schuetz, J; Spader, J; Cortes, A**Abstract:** The federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was established to help mitigate distress in hard-hit areas by funding the rehabilitation or demolition of troubled properties. This paper analyzes housing market changes in areas that received investments during the second round of NSP funding, focusing on seven large urban counties. Analysis of housing market outcomes indicates the recovery has been uneven across counties and neighborhoods.Journal Of Housing Economics, 2016 Dec, Vol.34, pp.30-48[**Moving to Opportunity or Isolation? Network Effects of a Randomized Housing Lottery in Urban India** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com:80/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_crossref10.1257%2Fapp.20150397&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484683243789) Barnhardt, Sharon ; Field, Erica ; Pande, Rohini**Abstract:** A housing lottery in an Indian city provided winning slum dwellers the opportunity to move into improved housing on the city's periphery. Fourteen years later, winners report improved housing but no change in tenure security, family income, or human capital. Winners also report increased isolation from family and caste networks and reduced informal insurance. We observe significant program exit: 34 percent of winners never took up subsidized housing and 32 percent eventually exited. Our results suggest negligible long-run economic value of this expensive public program and point to the importance of considering social networks in housing programs for the poor.American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 01/2017, Vol.9(1), pp.1-32[**Household wealth in the euro area: The importance of intergenerational transfers, homeownership and house price dynamics** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com:80/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_sciversesciencedirect_elsevierS1051-1377(16)30105-X&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484683243618) Mathä, Thomas Y. ; Porpiglia, Alessandro ; Ziegelmeyer, Michael**Abstract:** Results from the Eurosystem Household Finance and Consumption Survey reveal substantial variation in household net wealth across euro area countries that await explanation. This paper focuses on three main factors: (i) homeownership, (ii) housing value appreciation and (iii) intergenerational transfers. We show that these three factors, in addition to the common household and demographic factors, are relevant for the net wealth accumulation process in all euro area countries, and that, using various decomposition techniques, differences in homeownership rates and house price dynamics are important for explaining wealth differences across euro area countries.Journal of Housing Economics, March 2017, Vol.35, pp.1-12[**Shelter from the storm: Upgrading housing infrastructure in Latin American slums** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_scopus2-s2.0-85007039893&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484950152882) Galiani, S. ; Gertler, P.J. ; Undurraga, R. ; Cooper, R. ; Martínez, S. ; Ross, A.**Abstract**: This paper provides empirical evidence regarding the causal effects that upgrading slum dwellings has on the living conditions of the extremely poor. In particular, we study the impact of providing better houses in situ to slum dwellers in El Salvador, Mexico and Uruguay. Our findings show that better houses have a positive effect on overall housing conditions and general well-being: the members of treated households are happier with their quality of life.Journal of Urban Economics, 2016[**Changes in Health Following Housing Improvement in a Vulnerable Population in Spain** (View details)](http://primo-pmtna03.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/action/display.do?fn=display&vid=01TIMF_INST_V1&fn=eshelfEmail&searchByRemote=true&fullDisplay=&doc=TN_sagej10.1177_0020731416676228&displayLang=en_US&dscnt=0&scp.scps=&displayMode=full&dstmp=1484683243217) Novoa, Ana M; Amat, Jordi; Malmusi, Davide; Díaz, Fernando; Darnell, Mercè; Trilla, Carme; Bosch, Jordi; Borrell, Carme**Abstract:** The objective of this study is to compare changes in health among a sample of families living in substandard dwellings or with housing affordability problems assisted by Caritas Diocesana de Barcelona, according to the improvement of their socioeconomic and housing situation during the study period. The study shows that health gains can derive from improvements in housing conditions, especially those related to housing affordability.International Journal of Health Services, 2017, Vol.47(1), pp.83-107 | **NEWS FROM ACROSS MDB’S**[Colombia - First Programmatic Territorial Development Policy Financing (DPF)](http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/loans-credits/2016/12/08/colombia-first-programmatic-territorial-development-policy-financing-dpf)Approval Date: December 8, 2016**Project Description:** This Development Policy Financing (DPF) supports the efforts of the Colombian Government in two main areas: strengthening institutions for land management and territorial planning; and improving subnational financial management and investment prioritization.[AfDB approves 570 million rand loan to finance affordable housing in South Africa](https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/afdb-approves-570-million-rand-loan-to-finance-affordable-housing-in-south-africa-16210/)Approval Date: December 10, 2016**Project Description:** The Senior Loan of ZAR 570 million to South Africa’s Housing Investment Partners Trust 2 -HIP2) will help finance affordable housing programmes in the country. The loan will help improve access to long-term affordable housing finance to South Africa’s lower-middle income earners currently with limited opportunities to access affordable mortgages. [Paraguay to finance construction and access to housing with IDB support](http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2016-12-07/financing-and-housing-construction%2C11683.html)Approval Date: December 7, 2016**Project Description:** The project's     specific goals are to boost access to housing for families that earn up to seven times the minimum wage by providing loans and increase the supply of housing through financing to real estate developers.**SOCIAL MEDIA****ELSAM Indonesia (**[**@elsamnews**](https://twitter.com/elsamnews?refsrc=email&s=11)**)** The World Bank - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Indonesia National "Slum Upgrading" Project:... 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