HOW TO MAKE A

LIVABLE CITY

How can cities ensure **safe housing and essential services** for all?

Across the world, billions of urban residents still lack access to the basic services that make city life possible, from safe housing and clean water to reliable infrastructure and safe public space. This **"urban services divide"** affects more than one in three urban dwellers and limits opportunities for entire communities.

A livable city ensures that housing, essential services and vibrant neighborhoods are within reach for all residents. By upgrading settlements, investing in inclusive neighborhoods and expanding access to opportunity, cities can create places **where everyone has the chance to thrive.**

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Buenos Aires, Argentina

Kibera Public Space Project, by the **Kounkuey Design Initiative**
Nairobi, Kenya

Participatory Housing and Urban Development, by the **Homeless People's Federation Philippines & Philippine Action for Community-led Shelter Initiatives**
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Layering New With Old

In Buenos Aires, families in the informal settlement **Rodrigo Bueno** are **gaining safe housing and essential services without erasing the neighborhood** they built. New energy-efficient homes sit alongside upgraded older housing, with improved streets, utilities and public space guided by resident participation. The work is helping to integrate Rodrigo Bueno into the wider city and guiding a new approach to settlement upgrading across Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE

Public Space for Daily Life

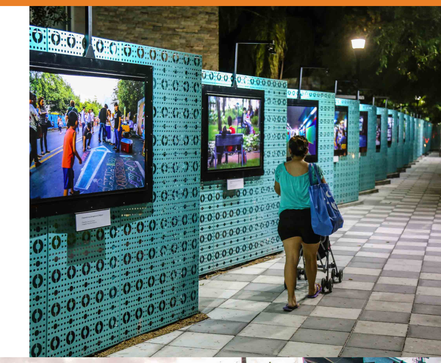
In Nairobi, the **Kibera Public Space Project** builds a network of community-designed and managed public spaces. Each hub combines drainage and sanitation with places to gather and space for small businesses in the city's largest informal neighborhood, **improving daily life without displacing residents.** More than 125,000 people have benefited, and the work is influencing settlement upgrading across Nairobi.

Nairobi, Kenya

TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY

From Aging Districts to Vibrant Streets

In Monterrey, **DistritoTec** is revitalizing a district strained by sprawl, congestion and the impacts of drug violence. The initiative works with government and local communities to upgrade streets and revive parks, plazas and other public spaces in the university district, making it **easier to walk, gather and do business safely.** New city rules and a public trust now support long-term district investment.



Monterrey, Mexico

HOMELESS PEOPLE'S FEDERATION PHILIPPINES & PHILIPPINE ACTION FOR COMMUNITY-LED SHELTER INITIATIVES

Stronger Communities, Stronger Homes

In **Iloilo City,** urban poor associations and the city government are co-creating safer, more resilient housing for families affected by floods and typhoons. **Communities pool savings and help design new homes,** while the city contributes land and supports planning and services. New neighborhoods, with paved streets, electricity and essential services, are emerging, showing that shared investment can improve and expand housing in an inclusive way.

Iloilo City, Philippines