



Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing: Improvement of informal settlements

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Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing...

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Housing tenure as a spectrum: an indicative illustration

Adequacy

Deprivation



Public
estate

Social
housing

Debt based
owner

Shared
owner

Informality

Slums

Homeless

Debt free
freehold

Cooperative

Protected
tenancy

Tenancy



- Mixed tenure systems most effective in achieving public policy
- ‘Ownership’ not necessarily most beneficial to individual
- ‘Ownership’ can be challenging to public policy

Extreme challenges to adequate housing

A. Homelessness

- Variety of definitions

B. Slum deprivations

1. Water
2. Sanitation
3. Overcrowding
4. Durability
5. Tenure security

Strong correlation between
tenure type and adequacy of
housing

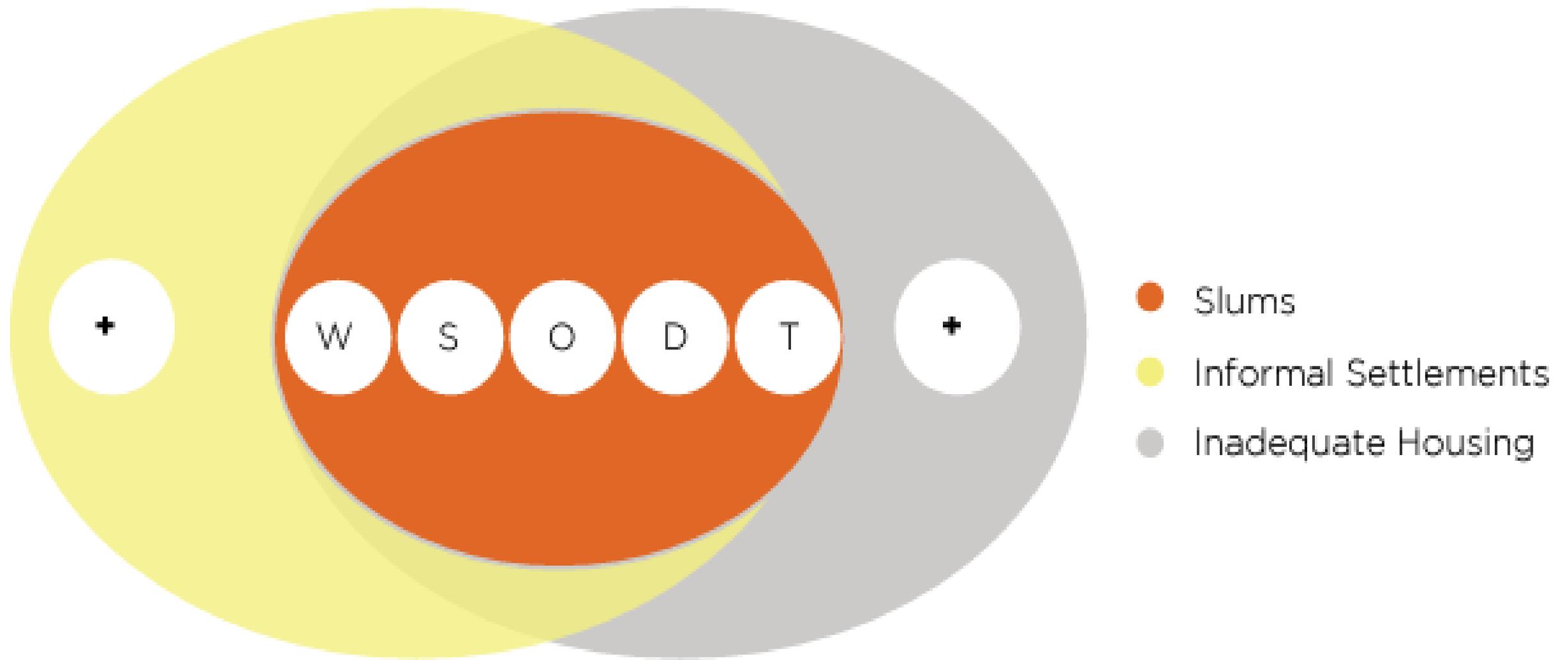


Figure 2: The different aspects of housing inadequacy-complementarity of three indicators

Principles of UN-Habitat work on informal settlements

1. Rights based approach and social function of housing – participation, agency, adequate housing
2. Integration into housing spectrum
3. Financial sustainability
4. Environmental resilience
5. Local government leadership
6. Citywide strategies
7. Links to economic empowerment

Opportunities for collaboration: Capacity building and knowledge sharing

- United Nations Habitat Assembly: member State proposals
- Sharing of inter-regional experience to support WPLA technical assistance
- Potential for deeper collaboration around common interests on robust land administration design
- We encourage the WPLA to include General Comment 26 of the CESCR in its work

Opportunities for collaboration: land administration reviews

We encourage UNECE member States to consider:

- Citywide land management strategies
- Pluralistic and community managed land systems, including proportionate public or cooperative elements

Opportunities for collaboration: selected topics

Environmental resilience is a significant priority to UN-Habitat and partners.



Thank you

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