

# Climate-Sensitive, Socially Just Planning and Housing (CSPH)

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## The challenge

Rwanda is currently experiencing one of the fastest rates of urbanization in Africa. Further growth is politically desired: the Government of Rwanda has been pursuing the goal of developing Rwanda into a middle-income country and recognizes cities as engines for economic growth. The urban population share is set to increase to 35% by 2024 and 70% by 2050. However, urbanization is not proceeding entirely according to plan.

Over 60% of the urban population – roughly 3.7 million people – lives in informal settlements without adequate access to infrastructure, services, or housing. Low-income households with a monthly income of less than 200,000 Rwf (~ EUR 139) comprise the majority of urban households and are generally unable to afford home ownership and live in rental housing in poor conditions. In addition, over 2 million new housing units are currently needed in the country.

## Our approach

The project's objective is to improve climate-sensitive urban planning processes and promote access to affordable housing opportunities for poorer population groups, especially women, in cities. The goal is to strengthen social, ecological, and economic urban development through improved public participation of the local population in planning and decision-making processes. The new project forms part of the Rwandan-German Climate and Development Partnership.

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In order to create the institutional and planning framework conditions for better access to climate-friendly and socially inclusive housing, the project focuses on three outputs:

1. **Integrated Urban Planning:** Neighbourhood planning processes are implemented in selected cities in an integrated, climate-sensitive and socially-just manner.
2. **Affordable Housing:** Development of conceptual foundations for climate-sensitive and socially-just rental housing for low-income households with special consideration for the need of women.
3. **Capacity Development:** Skills improvement of Rwandan urban practitioners in integrated, socially-just, climate-sensitive urban planning and housing



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