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Statistics on Slum Population, City Planning, Housing, et al:

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India, Brazil And South Africa Address The Challenge Of Slums

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India, Brazil, and South Africa share common development patterns, economically, socially, and politically, and together can not only learn from each others' successes and challenges, but also become major players in the geo-political space.

While **Brazil** has already achieved a high level of urbanization, tested different policies and approaches to address the slum challenge, and therefore can share many lessons of what has worked, what did not work, and why, it still struggles to address the extreme inequality between its rich and poor; it still has 44 million people living with inadequate urban housing or utilities.

India is one of the most rapidly growing economies in the world and has a large urban population although its urbanization level is relatively low. Faced with the challenge of improving the governance framework and service levels in cities, India has formulated groundbreaking urban policies in the last decade but despite these initiatives, its almost 93 million people living in slums will probably double in the next twenty years.

South Africa has made significant progress in designing progressive policies and intergovernmental fiscal transfer systems to address apartheid's legacy of

inequality. Although South Africa has delivered formal housing to 3 million households since the fall of apartheid, it recognizes that there is a lot still to be done to address the challenge of nearly 12 million people living in shacks or precarious shelters.

Read

more:

<http://wbi.worldbank.org/india-brazil-and-south-africa-ibsa-addressing-challenges>

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<http://www.housingfinanceafrica.org/>

South African Government - Department of Human Settlements

Housing

- [Sustainable human settlements](#)
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The [Department of Human Settlements](#) determines, finances, promotes, communicates and monitors the implementation of housing and sanitation programmes in South Africa.

Government has set itself the target of making a positive impact on the quality of life of 500 000 households by 2014, by upgrading informal settlements. The upgrade will provide households with security of tenure and access to essential services in sites that are close to economic and other social amenities.

To meet its objective of sustainable human settlements and improved quality of household life, the Department of Human Settlements has identified the following areas of priority:

- accelerated delivery of housing opportunities
- access to basic services
- more efficient land use
- an improved property market.

Between 1994 and June 2011, government built over three million homes for South Africans, giving shelter to over 13 million people.

Read more: <http://www.dhs.gov.za/>

Also: <http://www.info.gov.za/aboutsa/housing.htm>

UN Data - Slum Population in Urban Areas

Slum population in urban areas:

<http://data.un.org>