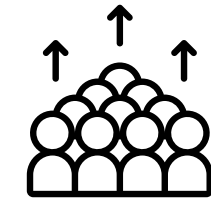


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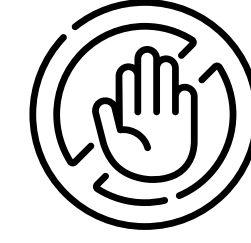
# KEY CONSIDERATIONS COVID-19 IN INFORMAL URBAN SETTLEMENTS



This accounts for 30-70% of inhabitants in some cities.

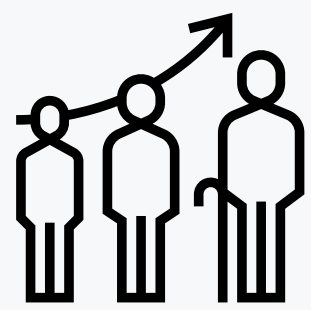


Residents are vulnerable to COVID-19 because of population density, inadequate water and housing infrastructure.

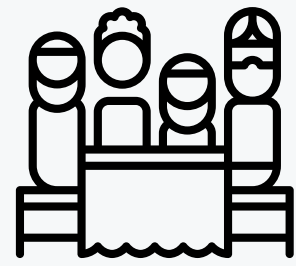


Residents are vulnerable to control measures which impact on livelihoods and overlook their needs.

## THE POTENTIAL BURDENS OF COVID-19 IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME CITIES ARE CONCERNING



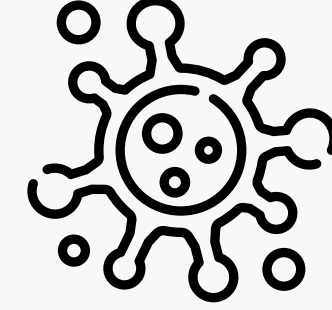
The extent of underlying conditions which may increase vulnerability to COVID-19 is unknown.



Household structures, mobility and shared sanitation infrastructure could increase transmission.



Health system capacity is limited which may lead to community based care.



Disease control measures e.g. lockdowns, may be unfeasible and cause harm if social and economic impacts are not considered.

## LOCAL ACTION AND HOW TO SUPPORT IT



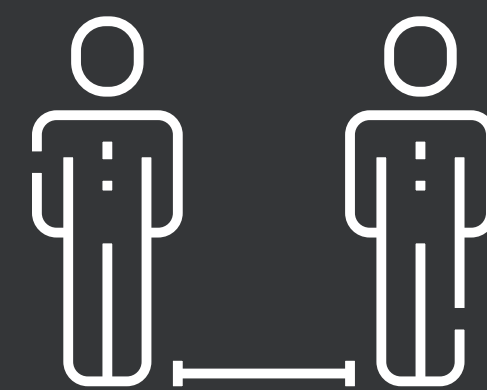
### LOCAL ORGANISATION

COVID-19 responses should be organised through community groups and structures, taking into account power dynamics and political histories.



### COMMUNICATION FOR COVID-19

Clear information and advice which is relevant to urban settings is needed. Social media and radio can be used for advocacy, mobilisation, and information sharing.



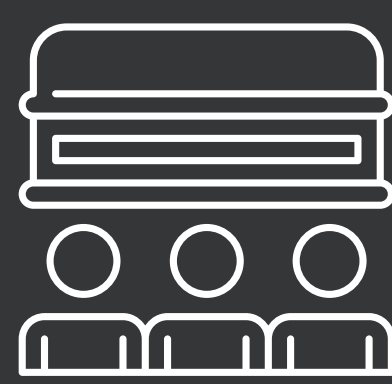
### LOCAL STRATEGIES FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Distancing measures should be developed by communities to allow for local adaptations, and to consider each settlement's social and physical characteristics.



### RESPONSE FATIGUE AND EMPOWERMENT

Recurrent emergencies may lead to fatigue. Local groups must be given a real sense of control and be appropriately resourced.



### MANAGING DEATHS

Plans for managing deaths and burials should be made with local communities. Failure to do so will increase individual and collective trauma.



### RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIP

Financial and non-financial resources are urgently needed to facilitate the development and implementation of local strategies in partnership with local government.

### KEY MESSAGE:

To protect informal urban settlements from the worst impacts of COVID-19 residents and community groups must be enabled to develop locally appropriate control strategies.

### DATA IS ESSENTIAL FOR PLANNING COVID-19 RESPONSES IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

This data is often missing and efforts should be made to collect and incorporate it. Do not assume all settlements are the same.

- Health status of populations
- Spatial data
- Citizen-generated data
- Health and social services

- Economic data
- Social data and knowledge
- Basic demographic data