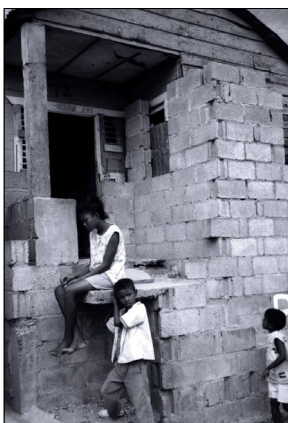


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National counterpart institution:

Instituto Nacional de la Vivienda - INVI



Legal and contractual conditions:

Consultancy contract for short-term backstopping and technical assistance by a team of international experts, complementary to assignments of a local long-term expert and a group of local short-term experts contracted directly by GTZ)

Project objective:

Conceptualisation and implementation of innovative instruments and procedures for the upgrading of marginalised urban poor settlements, and strengthening of INVI's portfolio for urban upgrading, in coordination with the municipality of San Juan de la Maguana (SJM) and other governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Main results:

- Creation of a division and a funding facility for urban upgrading within the institutional structure of INVI; introduction of an innovative model for housing loans to poor target groups by involving a private sector financial institution, the *Asociación Maguana de Aborros y Préstamos* (AMAP), in loan management and administration, with financing conditions oriented at the private financial market;
- Disbursement of about 250 loans for house improvements (with a maximum loan amount of EUR 1,300);
- Construction and extension of water supply systems (with self-help of the beneficiaries and contributions from INAPA); about 1,000 house connections for water and 400 latrines in different urban poor neighbourhoods in SJM;
- Participation and active involvement of other institutions like the municipality of San Juan de la Maguana, AMAP, and the National Institute for Water and Sewerage (*Instituto Nacional de Aguas Potables y Alcantarillados* - INAPA), in urban upgrading measures;
- Construction of walkways, street lighting, a bridge and community centres, partially realised by means of self- and mutual help.
- Mobilisation of community groups and organisations for self-help activities; and promotion of a collaboration between community groups and the municipal administration;

B.U.S. staff assigned to the project:

International experts:

- Project coordination/conceptual backstopping: 5,0 PM
- Local government issues / community participation: 2,5 PM
- Financing instruments: 2,5 PM

Local experts:

- Community participation, training, etc. 4,0 PM

PM = Person month