





## **SUF Finance Facilities:**

What they are, why they are important & how they work

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# Facility Functions - "Finance Plus"



Bring together key players involved in city & national slum upgrading strategies to address the challenge of financing slum upgrading

Catalyse the integration of commercial finance into slum upgrading

Provide a means to blend different forms of funding to maximise affordability

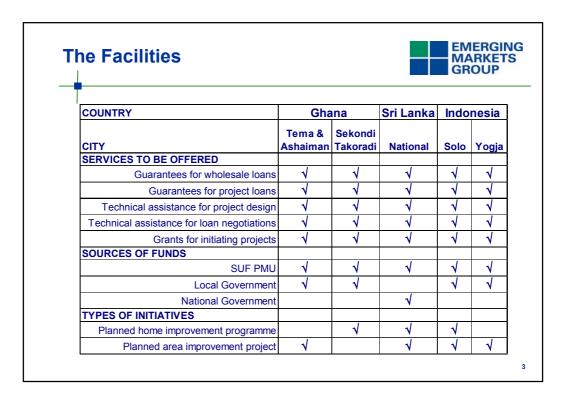
Provide a financial mechanism to blend different forms of funding to maximise afordability

Generate data & information for planning & monitoring slum upgrading

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#### **Forms of Assistance**

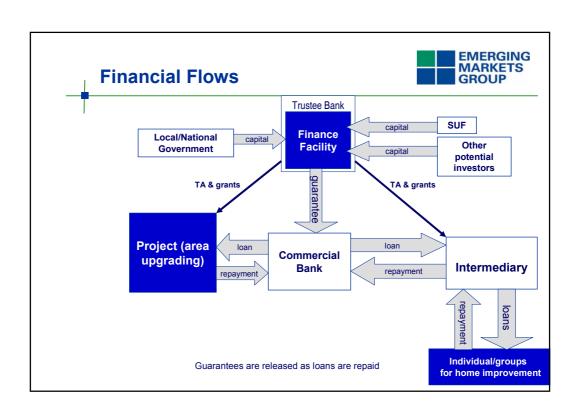


Loan guarantees to facilitate access to commercial bank loans

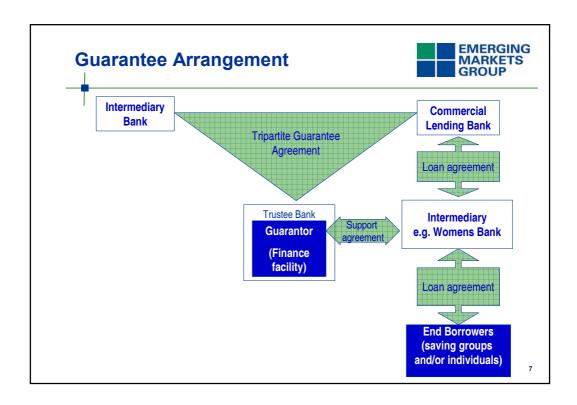
Technical assistance to ensure the development of bankable projects and programmes

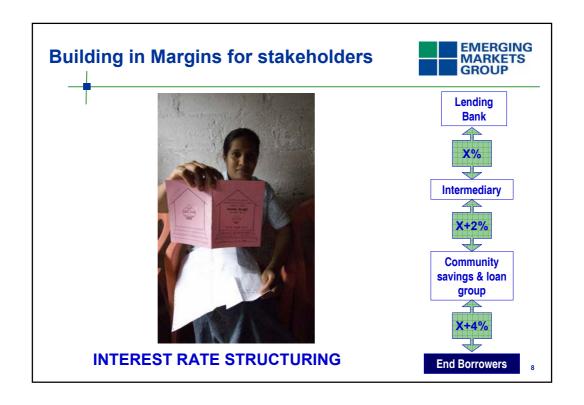
Catalytic grants to provide critical inputs for successful project planning & implementation

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#### **SUF Finance Facilities & Other Funds**





**Urban Poor Funds** 

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**SUF** 

GUARANTCO & other PIDG Facilities

SDI International Urban Poor Fund

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### **Lessons Learned - Facilities**



- Local Finance Facilities generate commitment and focus on city-wide slum upgrading
- Potential for long-term & more complex slum upgrading initiatives to be channeled through facilities using "Finance Plus" approach
- Local (both national and municipal level) facilities help to stimulate project ideas
- High delay & fall out rate between project concept and actual projects
- Rising interest rates interfering with affordability (a particular issue in Sri Lanka)
- Community savings and loan systems are a crucial element

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