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Your Excellency,

Re: Questionnaire: Informal settlements and human rights

Reference is made to your letter to my Director-General, Ms María Erla Marelsdóttir, on the above issue, dated 17 April 2018, and the attached questionnaire. Below, find the answers relating to Iceland's official development cooperation.

1. While one of Iceland's main focus with its development cooperation is the provision of basic services to poor and disadvantaged communities, including public health, education and access to water and sanitation, the emphasis is on **rural** areas, not urban areas. There are two examples of Icelandic civil society organisations having received official support for projects that would fall within your definition, but these were small projects.
2. The answer to this question is no.
3. As this is outside its focus area, Iceland does not have such policies.
4. The amount for the two projects was around ISK 54 million, which is around USD 540,000. This is the total for 2013 to 2017, both years included. This is a small fraction of Iceland's ODA; well below 1%.
5. Iceland has not developed a comprehensive human rights policy for its development cooperation operations. However, in 2013, Iceland adopted a policy on gender equality as part of its international development cooperation strategy (see <http://www.iceida.is/media/pdf/UTR-GenderEquality-2013.pdf>).
6. All Icelandic official development cooperation projects and programmes are linked to the goals and targets contained in the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.
7. As stated in the answer to the first question, Iceland has supported two CSO projects relevant to the study. One was in the Mbekweni area of Cape Town in South Africa, aiming to empower women in that area, and the other in Kampala, Uganda, aiming to

