

So far improvements have been small scale self help schemes to improve the standard of housing, water, sanitation, health and education.

These are done on a local scale and involve the local communities and stakeholders. It keeps communities together and stresses the role of women.

SELF HELP SCHEMES provide materials such as tiles, breeze blocks, cement and pipes for residents to construct their own homes or improve their own homes.

They also give ownership of the land to the illegal squatters, provide standpipes to give access to clean water and waste collections.

This adds to the already successful informal economic jobs sector.

Money has also been made available to improve schools and provide more medical centres.

IMPROVING THE DHARAVI (MUMBAI) SHANTY TOWN / SLUM



The drawbacks to these small scale schemes is that they may encourage the growth of the slum and more illegal squatting. The whole slum remains unplanned and difficult to manage and some

Because of this an expensive large scale development of Dharavi, VISION MUMBAI has been proposed. But this would replace the slum housing with unaffordable luxury tower blocks of flats, destroy the community and the local informal economy.

The MUMBAI SLUM SANITATION PROJECT has been set up to provide community toilet blocks and individual toilets for homes.

The MUMBAI SLUM ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT has been set up to provide electricity to homes where bottled gas has been the main power source. This provides a cleaner and healthier form of energy.