



Caracas, Venezuela, 1990.

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The I2UD Digital Library hosts the [I2UD Photograph Collection](#). These galleries present a visual survey of urban housing, landscapes, and building typologies from the 1970s to 2010s, from around the globe. Galleries consist of around 4,000 images, digitized from 35mm film slides, a subset of the more than 12,000 slides in I2UD's collection.

To complement the 'Understanding Informal Settlements and Slum Upgrading' Study Guide this curated, photo gallery (also [available online here](#)) showcases the rich diversity of contexts and typologies of informal settlements captured in the I2UD archive. Spanning eight countries and twelve cities, these images offer a vivid portrayal of urban life, from sprawling panoramas of informal housing clusters to intimate street scenes and home interiors. These images highlight the complexities and nuances of informal urbanization.



1. Aerial view of a dense informal market. Transport nodes and markets are often together. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1991.



2. Informal settlement on the periphery of Abidjan. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1991.



3. Aerial view of a dense informal settlement along Abidjan waterfront. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1991.



4. External view of Bab Siffer settlement in Fes. Fes, Morocco, 1987.



5. Streetview of Bab Siffer settlement. Fes, Morocco, 1987.



6. Housing built with mud brick. Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1989.



7. Large restaurant and informal gathering space in Kinshasa. Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1989.



8. Bird's-eye view of informal development sprawling up the hillsides of Caracas. Caracas, Venezuela, 1989



9. Dense informal settlement built up hillside. Note the high risk for landslide of many structures. Caracas, Venezuela, 1989-1995.



10. Informal settlement built up hillside. Note the informally constructed stairs and electrical infrastructure. Caracas, Venezuela, 1990.



11. Structures built in precarious cliff side in Caracas at risk for landslides. Caracas, Venezuela, 1989.



12. Informal settlement built along a river in Ecuador. Many structures are built on stilts over the water. Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1999.



13. Informal home and toilet/bathhouse built over the water in Ecuador. Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1999.



14. Interior of informal home (shown in previous image) built on stilts over the water. Santiago de Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1999.



15. 5-story walk-up public housing in Cairo with large public spaces and courtyards. Cairo, Egypt, 1990.



16. Informal high rise with ground-level shops and incremental rooftop construction in Ghoneim settlement. Helwan, Egypt, 1980-1982.



17. Drainage canals in Ghoneim settlement before upgrading. Helwan, Egypt, 1986.



18. In-progress upgrading of drainage and electrical infrastructure in Ghoneim informal settlement. Helwan, Cairo, 1986.



19. Bird's-eye view of Ghoneim settlement showing rapid growth and incremental construction. Helwan, Egypt, 1986.



20. Bustling Cairo settlement streetscape with shops and mixed use. Cairo, Egypt, 1985.



21. Peripheral area of Ghoneim informal settlement built out of mud bricks. Image showcases initial stage of lower density development. Helwan, Egypt, 1980-1982.



22. Bustling streetscape in Ghoneim informal settlement showing mixed use structures, multiple modes of transport, and incremental construction. Helwan, Egypt, 1986.



23. Bird's-eye view of roof tops of informal buildings in Lahore showcasing incremental construction and use of outside spaces. Lahore, Pakistan, 1982.



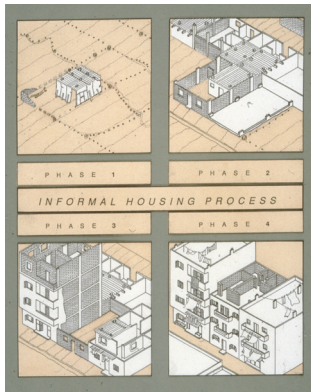
24. Informal development along the river in Karachi. Note the infilling of the waterfront land with solid waste. Karachi, Pakistan, 1993.



25. Informal housing showing incremental construction developed along the road in Muharraq. Muharraq, Bahrain.



26. Housing being built incrementally along the road in Tunis. Tunis, Tunisia, circa 1984-1990.



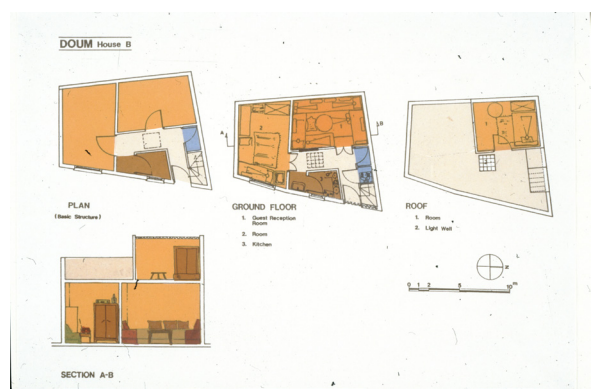
27. Depiction of incremental housing development using Helwan informal settlements as an example. Helwan, Egypt.



28. Floor plans of different types of informal settlement structures in Cairo. Cairo, Egypt.



29. Example floor plan of structure built around internal courtyard in Tunis informal settlement. Tunis, Tunisia.



30. Example of residential unit in an informal structure showcasing incremental construction and use of different floors. Rabat, Morocco.