

Summary: A community contract is an agreement between a community and a contracting authority, whereby the community is responsible for the implementation of the works. This tool provides an introduction on the practical application of community contracts for the execution of infrastructure works. Besides general information on community contracting it suggests a structure for the content of such a contract and provides an example.

Application Within the Planning Process:

Step 7: Implementation of the Action Plan

Related Tools:

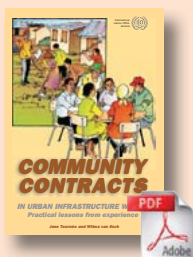
T27 Standardised Short Contracts

Purpose In a community contract the community is responsible for the implementation of the works and therefore functions as contractor. This form of contract is particularly useful in participatory processes as it uses local resources, creates employment for the urban poor, empowers the community and allows building capacities. Community contracting assists in developing constructive partnerships by clarifying the role the community will play and allowing them to control the assets they create. The aim of this tool is to introduce the concept of community contracting as well as to provide resources on how to set up a community contract and what to include.

How to use this tool? Document D28.1 by the International Labour Office (ILO) contains information on the use of community contracts and step-by-step guidelines (pp. 50-63) on the setting up of a community contracting system for infrastructure provision and up-grading in informal urban settlements. This comprehensive resource document also includes experience and lessons learnt from case studies where community contracts were implemented. For a possible content structure of a community contract see pp. 34-35 of D28.2. A sample community contract for infrastructure works from Nepal is presented in D28.3.

Also see Tool T27 for standardised short contracts, which can be used with contractors other than the community.

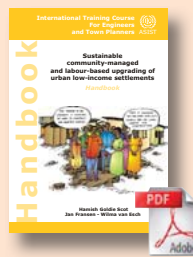
Resources



Document D28.1:

Tournee, J. and van Esch, W. (2001). *Community Contracts in Urban Infrastructure Works*. International Labour Organization. Geneva, Switzerland.

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Document D28.2:

Fransen, J. et al. (2002). *Sustainable Community-Managed and Labour-Based Upgrading of Urban Low-Income Settlements. Handbook*. International Labour Organization. Geneva, Switzerland.

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Document D28.3:

Community Contracting Example from Nepal

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