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Angola's "Peri-Urban Upgrading Programme in Sambizanga"
Recognized As a Global Urban Best Practice
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The United Nations emphasized "two unique features of Habitat II - 'The City Summit,' (that) are likely to lead to concrete results:" First, a strong emphasis on "the need for new partnerships to tackle the problems of cities," and second, showcasing "some 600 examples of best practices for improving the living environment."

The Peri-Urban Upgrading Programme in Sambizanga was ranked in the top 100 of the Best Practices Database for Human Settlements by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements for the Habitat II City Summit in Istanbul.

The Best Practices Database for Human Settlements is a computer database of proven solutions to urban problems that exist in the world today. The database is packed with real case studies of projects that are effectively dealing with urban problems, ranging from clean water to sanitation, housing, crime, recreation, and mass transit, among others.

The inventory of these case studies was collected by the United Nations Centre For Human Settlements in Nairobi, Kenya and then catalogued in a unique, standardized, multimedia database by the Together Foundation in New York City.

The database can be accessed via CD-ROM, Windows® or DOS® diskettes or on the World-Wide Web. More information about the database is available at (212) 628-1939.

"The Best Practices initiative has been perhaps the conference's most useful element, providing delegates and non-governmental organizations an opportunity to see the results of programs that have worked elsewhere . . . this aspect of the conference may turn out to provide the greatest value to human settlements." -- Daniel Shepard, *Earth Times*

"This database is an unprecedented collection of practical and proven solutions to urban problems. It's a tool that allows governments, urban planners, and community-based leaders to get information about effective practices that match particular problems in their own cities, towns, and hamlets." -- Bill Sims, *Together Foundation*