

What is ACCA?

The ACCA Program (Asian Coalition for Community Action) has set out to transform development options for Asia's urban poor by supporting community-led change processes in 150 cities in 15 Asian countries over three years.

The activities build on established, successful models of people-led community development, taking them to new levels of significance by repeated replication. Poor communities are the key change agents in the process, addressing issues of land security, infrastructure, social and economic development and housing at scale.

The ACCA Program's core activity will be the implementation of 500 community upgrading projects and 50 larger housing projects by poor community members themselves, who will be organized into savings groups and supported by key stakeholders through city-wide coalitions with municipal involvements.

ACHR will work with its key national partner groups to ensure these interventions build effective, pro-poor partnerships within the cities and link them with existing initiatives into a visible, large-scale, region-wide demonstration of alternative practice, replicated at scale, to change discourse and practice across Asia.

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This report presents a summary of the activities undertaken by Asian Coalition for Housing Rights during the first six month's implementation of its Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA) Program. This new program, which is being funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was approved initially at the end of October 2008. The work began two months later, in December 2008, after ACHR signed a contract with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), which has agreed to act as an intermediary for the project funding from the Gates Foundation.

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