PUBLIC LIBRARIES
BECOME MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE CENTERS

STRATEGIES
Infrastructure

CHALLENGE

Inclusive Urban Dynamics

DESCRIPTION

Cartagena has a public network of libraries and other cultural sites located in some of the city's poorest neighborhoods. The network is made up of 13 community libraries, 1 megalibrary, 1 library park, and 3 cultural centers.

Children, teenagers, and elders are in a need of places where they can spend their leisure time in a positive way, yet the libraries are being used less and less because they have limited access to Internet or technology (hardware).

The project seeks to upgrade this infrastructure, both in terms of the current buildings and the available connectivity and educational services offered to the citizens. The key to the success of this upgrading process is to offer IT education (digital environments, Internet access and use, and computer use)

for all ages, free quality Internet connectivity and spaces with comfortable temperatures for children, youth, and elders to spend time in the libraries. The cultural environment of the city is also a great beneficiary of the project.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

▷ Number or improved sites

▷ Increase in number of visitors per year

▷ Number of workshops offered per site

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PROJECT LEADER

Institute of Heritage and Culture of Cartagena de Indias

IMPACTS EXTREME POVERTY ✓

CAN INCLUDE A POWERFUL GENDER PERSPECTIVE ✓

CAN INCLUDE A POWERFUL ETHNIC PERSPECTIVE ✓

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL IMPACTED

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

AGE GROUP BENEFITTED

Children   Teenagers   Youth   Elders

NUMBER OF SDG INDICATORS IMPACTED

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BENCHMARK PROJECT (FOR REFERENCE)

The Hartford Public Library in Connecticut, for instance, has created The American Place (TAP), a free program that supports and assists new immigrants adapt to their new city.

https://tap.hplct.org/

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