

Barrios de Verdad — Participatory Neighbourhood Upgrading in La Paz

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2000, La Paz's municipal government has upgraded more than 100 of the city's poorest hillside neighbourhoods through 'Barrios de Verdad,' combining resident-designed infrastructure with World Bank and IADB co-financing, reaching over 50,000 residents.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[Gobierno Autónomo Municipal de La Paz \(GAMLP\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

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[IADB — Barrios de Verdad en Bolivia](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[Observatorio Internacional de la Democracia Participativa \(OIDP\) — Programa Barrios y Comunidades de Verdad](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

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