

Colombo Urban Regeneration Project — Sri Lanka's Contested High-Rise Resettlement Programme

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2010, Sri Lanka's UDA has relocated tens of thousands of families from Colombo's shanty settlements into high-rise housing; a \$200M AIIB loan (2019-2027) continues it, but watchdogs document coercive evictions and undersized replacement units.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Urban Development Authority \(UDA\), Sri Lanka](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[AIIB Project Page](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Bank Information Center](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[Centre for Policy Alternatives](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[UDA Official Programme Page](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

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