

Favela-Bairro — Rio de Janeiro's In-Situ Favela Upgrading Programme

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Rio de Janeiro's flagship in-situ favela-upgrading programme (1994–2008) delivered streets, drainage and services without removing residents; a peer-reviewed evaluation found service-access gains of over 20 points but no average rise in property values absent land titling.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[Prefeitura da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro, with Inter-American Development Bank financing](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

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