Programa de Mejoramiento de Barrios (PMB-PIAI) — Uruguay's 25-Year National Settlement-Upgrading Programme

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Since 1999 Uruguay's PMB (ex-PIAI) has upgraded and legalised informal settlements with IDB co-finance: 91 settlements regularised by 2019. But at ~2.2% of settlements a year, with half on ineligible private land, the stock shrinks slowly.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-21

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