Programa Hábitat — Mexico's Randomised US$68m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Experiment Across 60 Municipalities

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Mexico randomly allocated US$68m of Hábitat street, lighting and sidewalk works across 370 low-income neighbourhoods in 60 municipalities (2009–11). Property values rose 6.5%, about US$2 of real-estate value per US$1 spent, but rents jumped ~20%.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-13

SEDESOL (later SEDATU), Government of Mexico — accessed 2026-11-13

J-PAL evaluation summary — accessed 2026-11-13

CEGA working paper — Mexico's Hábitat Experiment (eScholarship) — accessed 2026-11-13

Replication data (openICPSR 113705) — accessed 2026-11-13

DOF — Reglas de Operación, Programa de Infraestructura 2016 — accessed 2026-11-13

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