

Urban Poor Development Fund (UPDF)

by Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)
in Cambodia



Source: ACHR website

Project Features

Problems

Urban Poverty

Not only housing problems, but also the whole range of problems caused by urban poverty

Strategy

Comprehensive Community Upgrading

Community-driven urban upgrading that coordinates the effort to improve livelihood effectively

Actions

Community mobilization

- Improving housing
- Building basic infrastructure
- Income generation
- Promoting participation in city planning

WHAT does it do?

STEP 1: Organize a community

- Plan community meetings
- Elect community facilitators
- Discuss neighborhood problems



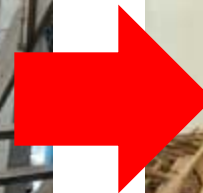
STEP 2: Craft Community Development Plan

- Identify problems
- Prioritize problems
- Seek for solutions

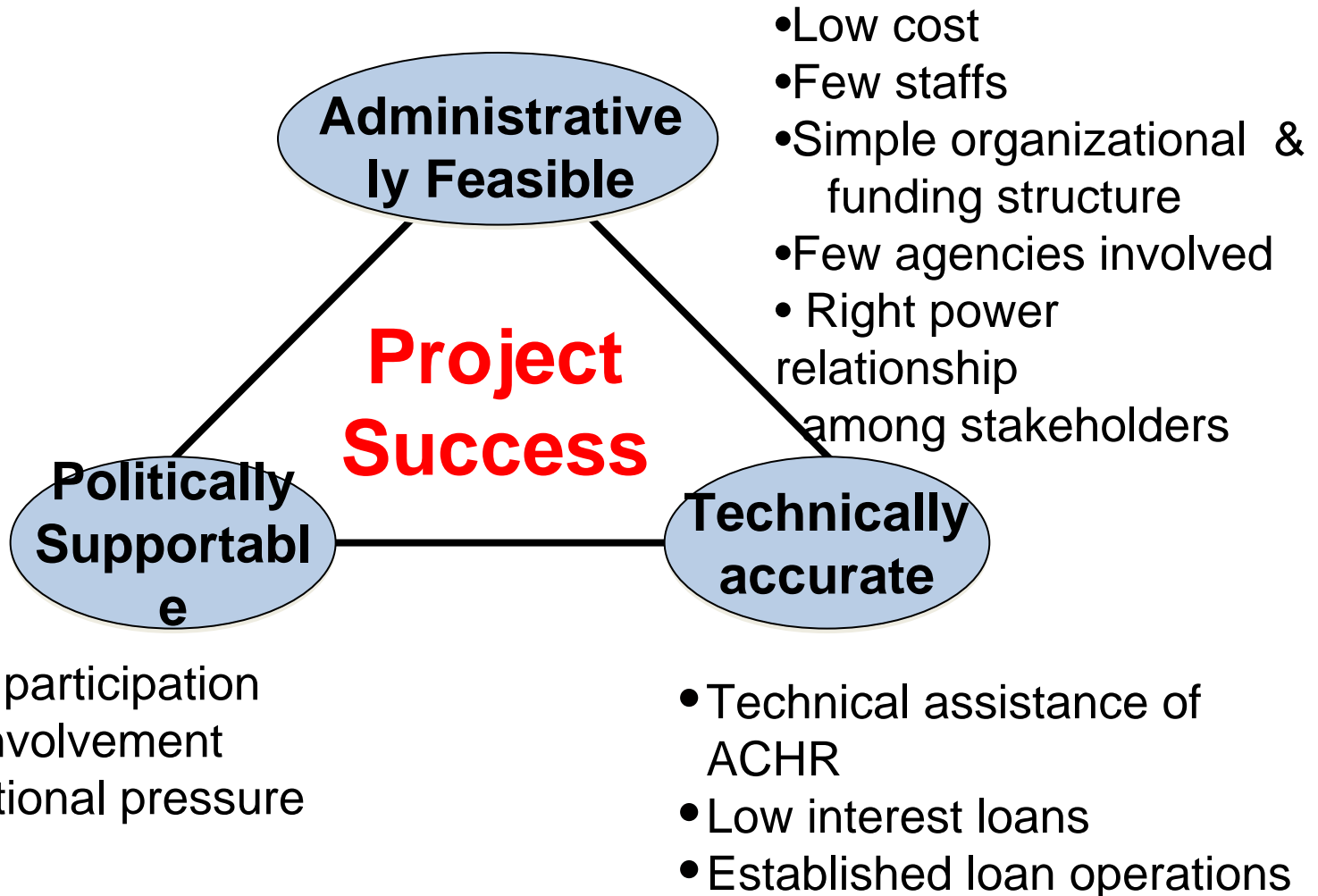
STEP 3: Receive fund

- Review proposal
- Distribute, keep track of fund

STEP 4: Implement the plans



WHY does it work?



Risks and Solutions

**Risk of
macroeconomic
shocks**

National inflation in 2006: 5.4%

→ **Ex-post adjustment with external assistance**

Risk of default

Low cost recovery due to delayed repayment

→ **Impose social pressure, make the community responsible**

Risk of non-participation

Many urban poor are too busy to participate

→ **Make planning process more dynamic and FUN!**

Thanks a lot!

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