

Urban Homework 5

Use the information below, and your own research to create a fact file on how to improve slum cities

The Favela-Bairro Project Helps Poor People in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas

Often the poorest people in urban areas are the worst affected by the problems of urban growth. Urban planning schemes can help reduce the impact of these problems and improve the quality of life for the urban poor. An example of an urban planning scheme is the Favela-Bairro Project in Rio de Janeiro:

- 1) Rio de Janeiro is in south east Brazil. It has more than 600 squatter settlements (called favelas), housing one-fifth of the city's population (more than one million people).
- 2) The Favela-Bairro project ran from 1995-2008 and involved 253 000 people in 73 favelas. It has led to:
 - Social improvements — e.g. there are now day care centres for children, adult education classes and services to help people with drug or alcohol addictions.
 - Economic improvements — e.g. the project is helping people get legal ownership of their properties and running training schemes to help people find better jobs.
 - Environmental improvements — e.g. wooden buildings are being replaced with brick buildings, streets have been widened and paved, and there are now rubbish collection services.

I'm bound to get a job with these new skills.

