INSTITUTIONAL BRIEF
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PARAGUAY LOCATION

Landlocked with dry and wet borders
PARAGUAY KEY FACTS

- Population: 6,800,000 hab.
- GDP sustained growth averaged 4.6% in the past few years.
- GDP per capita USD 4,480
- GDP Total USD 30,468 million
- External Debt 17% of GDP
PARAGUAY POPULATION

- 70% of population younger than 35
- Life expectancy 70 years old
- 9.97% of the population in extreme poverty
PARAGUAY ECONOMY FACTS

Crecimiento Económico Paraguay 1992-2016*

Pobreza y desigualdad

Tasa de incidencia de la pobreza (% total de población)
Coeficiente de Gini (%), RHS
PARAGUAY GOVERNANCE

- Government Type: Presidential Republic
  Legislative + Judicial + Executive branches of government
- Capital: Asunción
- Administrative divisions: 17 departments
- General elections every 5 years
- Public spending 24.1% of GDP
Paraguay is one of the least developed countries in the Region.
PARAGUAY River Flooded to Level +63

**ISSUES**
- Dispersed location of population, limits the responsiveness of the government
- Flooding areas / poverty
- Land management
- Lack of legal framework
- Lack of infrastructure

**CHALLENGES**
- Design cities network
- Outdated data and the fundamental role of geo-referenced information as a crucial tool in decision-making
- Promote inter-institutional coordination thereby avoiding overlapping jobs
- Strengthen human resources of institutions working land management and educate about the importance of good governance for development of cities
- Create a consistent legal framework to allow municipalities to have a basic plan, land use
- Create an organ within government in which open and public georeferenced data is stored and from there to coordinate the products according to the role of each

3% of the population in 60% of the territory in the Chaco region

406 752 Km² _TOTAL AREA of PARAGUAY

**ASUNCION**
- Total area 117 Km²
- Estimated population 2016: 525.294

**CIUDAD DEL ESTE**
- Total area 104 Km²
- Estimated population 2016: 293.817

**ENCARNACION**
- Total area 274 Km²
- Estimated population 2016: 127.527

**DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY**
DIRECTION OF URBAN TERRITORIAL PLANNING
DGPH - SENAVITAT / May 2016.
Cartographic bases: National Population and Housing Census -
HOUSING DEFICIT

Quantitative

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Poverty Reduction and Social Development

Inclusive Economic Growth

Insertion of Paraguay into the World

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030

SENAVITAT is responsible for reducing the housing deficit, regulating urban issues related to its projects.
NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR HOUSING AND HABITAT
SENAVITAT

- Established in 2009 as the only institution to establish and regulate housing policy.
- National jurisdiction
- ~750 employees
- Annual budget ~USD142 million
- Funded by National Treasury, Sovereign Bonds, Interest Earnings, Donations
LEGAL FRAMEWORK
TWO MAIN LAWS

SENAVITAT LAW
Establishes the responsibilities of SENAVITAT

• Only institution to establish and regulate housing policy

• Regulate issues related to urbanism in coordination with local governments

NATIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING FUND
Establishes a Fund that is to be capitalized with funds from Hydroelectric dams’ royalties.

• Establishes subsidy levels based on family income

• Limits funding for construction of new housing units
TWO MAIN HOUSING PROGRAMS

Subsidies are based on family income, and are used for:
Construction of new housing units
Buying new or used housing

DIRECT SUBSIDY

We provide direct subsidies for two main categories:

• INDIVIDUALS
• ORGANIZED GROUPS

FINANCING + LENDING

We finance people directly and also subsidize interest rates for housing coops.
SENAVITAT’S ROLE IN URBAN RELATED INITIATIVES

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (MOPC)

• Technical roundtables for specific infrastructure projects
• Respond to housing needs/relocation
• Advice on urban criteria for specific projects

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

• Define municipal territory for housing projects
• Suggest ordinance changes for special projects
• Coordinate social work in areas of intervention
HOUSING UNIT PRODUCTION 2012-2015

5 times more than years prior
NEXT STEPS IN STRENGTHENING HOUSING AND URBAN POLICY 2016-2018

FOCUSING ON URBAN SETTINGS

- Housing Improvement
- Basic Urban Improvements
- Land Tenure Regularization
BAÑADO = SLUMS AREAS NEXT TO THE RIVER

NORTH AREA _ BAÑADO
2220 Ha Total Area
14,020 Estimated Housing

SOUTH AREA _ BAÑADO
1275 Ha Total Area
8000 Estimated Housing

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ASUNCION – RECONVERSION DEL PUERTO + SAN JERONIMO + CHACARITA ALTA + PLANCH A + BARRIOS CHACARITA BAJA (a relocalizar)
Cauce Méjico desde Calle Comuneros
HOUSING COMPLEX SAN FRANCISCO
First Comprehensive Social Housing Neighborhood

1,000 housing solutions
MERCADO MUNICIPAL Y PLAZAS
HOUSING COMPLEX MARIANO ROQUE ALONSO
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CHALLENGES

TRANSITION FROM HOUSING

NEIGHBORHOOD

CITY
CHALLENGES

Involvement of Private Sector to increase housing offers

Incorporation of New Technologies to increase housing production

Qualified human resources in remote regions

Capitalization of National Social Housing Fund

Coordination with local government for better territorial planning

Updating legal framework to invest in urban issues