



# Catalytic Communities (CatComm)

A winning strategy, providing strategic support to favelas, built from the ground up.

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## About Us



**Mission:** To generate **models for effective community-led and people-centered development of informal settlements** in cities across the globe, based on the experience of Rio de Janeiro.



Operating since **2000** in **Rio de Janeiro**, based on an **Asset-Based Community Development** approach.



**Award-winning nonprofit:** Brazilian Federation of Architects and Urbanists Prize, Anthem Awards, Webbys, Prix Ars Eletrônica, Tech Award, and Megafone Award.



Programs designed to offer **strategic support** to **thousands** of grassroots partners across **over 500** of Rio de Janeiro's **favelas**.



Programs are **co-created** with community partners, deeply network-based.



Generate **impacts** as we build our programs, not only in their final outcomes.



Focus on Rio's favelas but **reaching 170 countries** **monthly** through *RioOnWatch*.

Learn about our three programs that, together, build a virtuous cycle of community-led, robust development in informal settlements:

### RioOnWatch

COMMUNITY REPORTING ON RIO



*Shifting the narrative on favelas, growing nuance and understanding, by centering grassroots voices: RioOnWatch.*

### Favela Community Land Trust



Ensuring **robust security of tenure and community-led development** that safeguard community assets while guaranteeing land rights: **Favela Community Land Trust.**

### Sustainable Favela Network



*Exposing, boosting, growing and researching sustainable models for community development by favelas themselves: Sustainable Favela Network.*



How we see the SDGs

