



Multidisciplinary expertise to address
the challenges of urbanisation in developing countries

Cities in developing countries are undergoing a rapid, massive and uncontrolled urbanisation, this is a direct consequence of the demographic pressure, and it is not likely to slow down in the near future.



Groupe Huit is a French multidisciplinary consultancy specialising in urban and regional development in developing and emerging countries.

With experience in over 70 countries, we have been working since 1967 with public authorities, international institutions and private actors in the design and implementation of development projects at local, regional and national levels.

Our Approach

We implement an **approach** that is both **generalist and sectoral** (urban planning, reorganising informal settlements neighbourhoods, risk and climate change, water and sanitation, environment, social and gender) and supported by methods based on dialogue and participative collaboration with local partners.

Our skills

Pioneers **50 years** ago in Tunisia, we went on working on the World Bank's first African urban projects. Since then, our field of intervention has extended to many low-income countries around the world. With our **knowledge of actors and countries**, we have a thorough understanding of managing projects in complex environments.

Groupe Huit, in short :

50years
of experience

6M€*
in annual revenue

Assignments
in over **75**countries

A company of the independent Keran group :
550 employees, **€50** million annual revenue
in 2020, **25%** export

Pluri-disciplinary team
of **25** employees*

And a large network of partners and
independent experts

* consolidated 2020 data
(acquisition of SCE's international activities as of
01/01/2022)

Groupe Huit is a French multidisciplinary consultancy, supported by a comprehensive network of experts and partners, working on a large array of projects and on all the phases - identification, implementation and evaluation.

We provide the following services :

- Regional planning and development
- Project preparation and set-up
- Project design and implementation
- Technical assistance
- Capacity building and governance
- Project evaluation

More specifically, we offer expertise in the following :



**Cities
& Regions**



**Risks
& Climate Change**



**Water
& Sanitation**



**Environment,
Social & Gender**



**Reorganising
informal
settlements**

A unique expertise

Groupe Huit's multidisciplinary team is formed by urban planners, geographers, architects, engineers, experts in urban sociology, governance and project development.

A network of highly qualified experts

On large-scale projects and studies, we may collaborate with independent consultancy firms and experts, with whom we maintain close scientific and technical cooperation. In addition, we have developed some good relationships with many consultant companies and experts in the countries where we operate and thus we are able to mobilise the best local experts on issues requiring a good knowledge of the local context.

Some references

Cities & Regions



MONGOLIA

Ulaanbaatar urban renewal – sustainable and affordable housing project

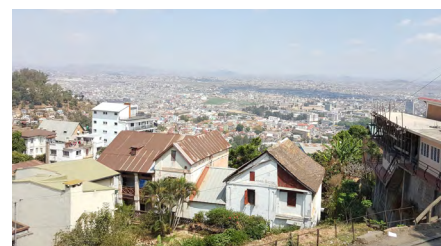
ADB - 2016 / 2017



GABON

Urban development master plans for Oyem, Makoku, Franceville, Koula-Moutou

WB - 2019 / 2021



MADAGASCAR

PRODUIR urban – Urban study for the integrated urban development and resilience project in the greater Antananarivo

ADB - 2020 / 2021

Risks & Climate Change



TUNISIA, GUINEA

City Scoping and Rapid Climate Risk Assessment for Urban Adaptation and Resilience in Africa for Bizertz and Conakry

GCA - 2021 / 2022



SENEGAL

Technical assistance for integrated Flood Management Project in Senegal (PGIIS)

AFD - 2019 / 2024



LAOS

Disaster Risk Management Project - Sustainable urban design interventions in Muangxai

WB - 2020 / 2021

Water & Sanitation



LAO

Design and implementation of drinking water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure (SUNWIP)

KfW - 2018 / 2022



KENYA

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Wajir Water and Sewerage Company

WB - 2021 / 2022



VIETNAM

Ho Chi Minh City Wastewater and Drainage System Improvement Program

ADB - 2018 / 2022

Environment, Social & Gender



VIETNAM, COMOROS, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Financing Facility for Local Authority – Assistance for Project appraisal: Programme to combat violence against women

AFD - 2020



VANUATU

Study for a sustainable waste collection and recovery system in Vanuatu

FASEP - 2020 / 2022



INDONESIA

Preparation studies for the implementation of the ecofishing port development project

AFD - 2021

Reorganising informal settlements



LIBERIA

Monrovia Integrated Urban Development Project

AFD - 2020 / 2021



MONGOLIA

Ulaanbaatar Urban Services and Ger Areas Development Investment Program

ADB - 2020



COMOROS

Regional master plan for Moheli island

AFD - 2020 / 2021

The strength of a group

The companies in the Keran Group - SCE, Creoccean, Groupe Huit, S3D and Naomis - are bound and driven by the same approach. These fundamentals were laid through a bold and innovative decision to bring together: urban planning and landscape, infrastructure engineering, environment and digital expertise together within one group.

The mobilisation of such complementary expertise enables a cross-disciplinary project vision and facilitates the integration of all aspects to find better solutions in all kinds of different contexts and design resilient environments that satisfy the needs and well-being of users.

Areas of intervention

We operate in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Central and South America and Europe, reinforced by the support of the Keran Group and our network of local partners.



Keran group's values are the bedrock of our business culture and strategy, and give meaning to the everyday actions of our staff...

Proximity

Groupe Huit works as closely as possible in the field with those responsible for building cities and urban areas, at international, national and local levels, facilitating participative collaboration to co-build projects with local stakeholders. As real coordinators and designers, Groupe Huit teams play a pivotal role and are specialists in mobilising exactly the right expertise at just the right time.

Audacity

In response to the difficulties that can be encountered in the field and the complexity of the territorial and urban challenges of developing countries, Groupe Huit innovates to deliver the best-fitting solutions for the project and client's needs.

Trust

Over the last fifty years, Groupe Huit has built trusting relationships with its clients and partners, thanks to the objectivity and professionalism of its work.



Talent

The Global Approach brings different expertise together and enhances our employees' skills. Day-to-day, we help grow talent within a stimulating environment and on a broad array of projects.

Commitment

Groupe Huit is committed to working with local authorities, urban development stakeholders and local people, to ensure inclusive and sustainable urban development.

