3. **Capacity Building and Training**

**Objectives**

a. To transform the role of M/o HUPA and State Agencies in charge of urban poverty alleviation into providers of high quality technical assistance in the field of livelihood promotion and urban poverty alleviation;

b. To build strong institutional structures at the National, State, and City levels for efficient implementation of the NULM and;

c. To build capacity of the urban poor, their institutions and the machinery involved in the implementation of NULM

The objective of National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), a flagship programme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (M/o HUPA) is to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, resulting in an appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis, through building strong grassroots level institutions of the poor.

The important strategies followed by NULM are:

a. Building skills to enable access to growing market-based job opportunities offered by emerging urban economies

b. Training and support for the establishment of micro-enterprises (including urban street vendors) by the urban poor – self and group

c. Building capacity of the urban poor, their institutions (such as SHGs and their federations) and the machinery involved in the implementation of livelihoods development and poverty alleviation programmes

d. Ensure availability and access of the urban homeless population to permanent 24-hour shelters

e. Support to Urban Street Vendors