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Government launches Urban Renewal Programme

HM Government of Gibraltar has today launched an Urban Renewal Programme focused in addressing the needs of the upper town. This consists of a significant investment which aims to regenerate the area from Road to the Lines through to Hospital Ramp and will link with the restoration of the Ex-St Bernard's Hospital.

Minister responsible for Urban Renewal, Dr John Cortes, said, "Soon we will have an operational escalator linking the upper town with Engineer's Lane. This is but an initial phase of a much wider vision in investing in our community. We want to renew the upper town, make it attractive for residents and visitors, and generate new activity in what is a strikingly beautiful, but up to now neglected, part of Gibraltar."

The Upper Town Urban Renewal Programme is a multifaceted initiative, which aims at addressing community needs and creating quality spaces. Schemes within the programme are the conversion of the Ex-St. Bernard's Hospital into a first and middle school (previously announced) and the upgrading and improving of streets and ramps which will connect many key historic sites.

As part of the Urban Renewal Programme, historic run-down and empty properties have been put out to tender and will be restored and converted into modern dwellings in accordance with heritage best practice guidelines.

This all forms part of the Government's vision in creating a better urban environment which we can all be proud of.