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Report of the Executive Director on normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat

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Normative and Operational Portfolio

Integrated and multi-sectoral approach on urban regeneration

- Collaboration with UNESCO, UNDRR, and UNWTO to leverage on the linkages between urban regeneration, natural and cultural heritage, climate change and disaster risk reduction, mega-events, and sustainable tourism
- Collaboration with other UN-Habitat Flagship Programs (Resilient Settlements for the Urban Poor, SDG Cities, Inclusive-Cities) to enhance the positive impact of urban migration through joint strategies and policies

Normative and Operational partnerships with Governments, Private sector, and investors, Community Groups, Research Institutions

II. 'Inclusive Communities, Thriving Cities' Flagship Programme

The Flagship Programme is a convening platform for **multistakeholder collaboration on knowledge, technical assistance and financial resource mobilisation** to promote more **inclusive, sustainable and resilient** cities, neighbourhoods and communities.



GOAL

Promote social and environmental value creation globally by supporting governments and urban actors to build more inclusive and climate resilient cities, neighbourhoods and communities through urban regeneration.

3 OUTCOMES

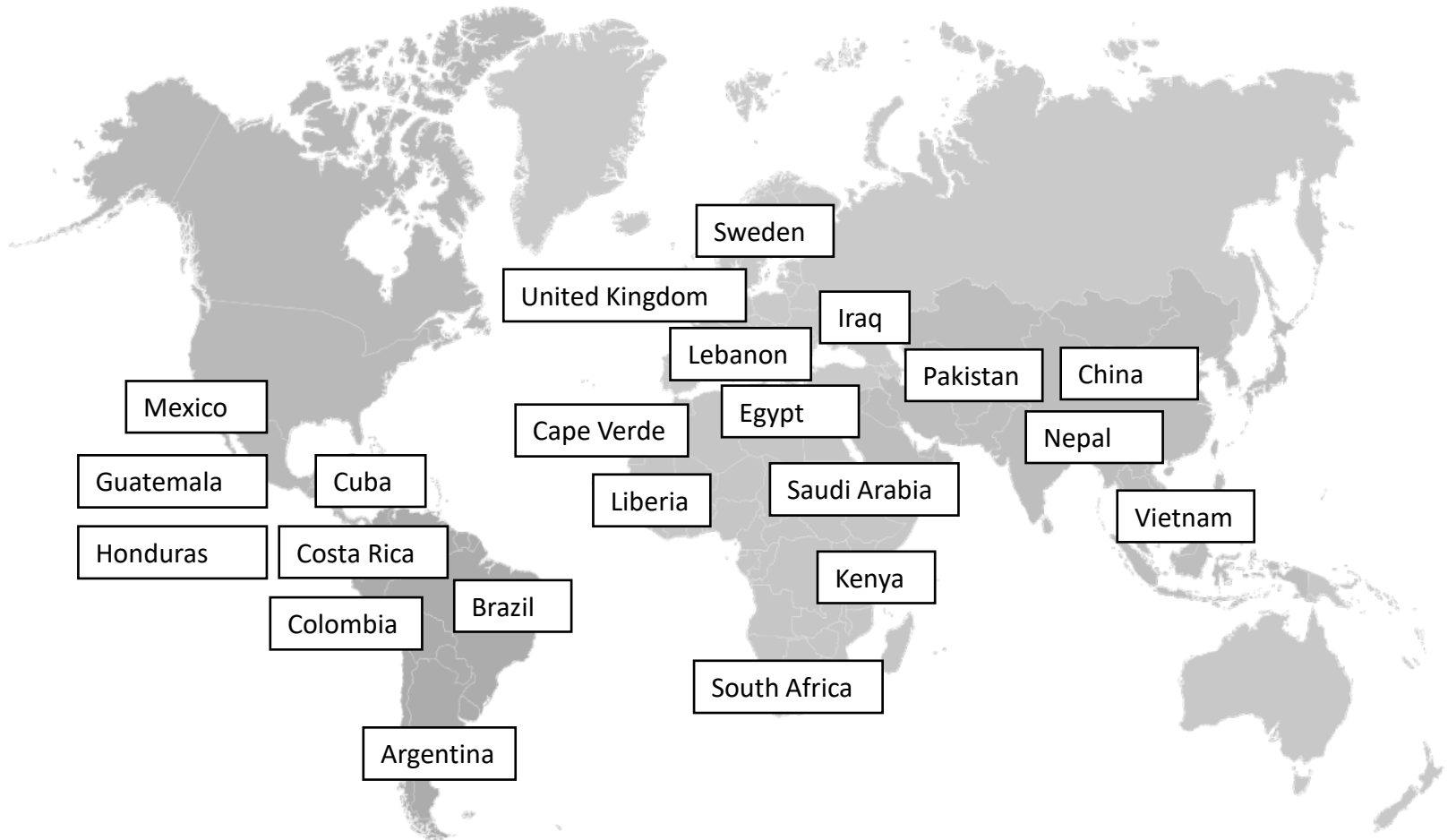
Enhanced knowledge and evidence-based data on inclusive and sustainable urban regeneration

Strengthened global and regional collaboration and capacity

Initiatives and solutions implemented to generate social and environmental value through urban regeneration.

II. 'Inclusive Communities, Thriving Cities' Flagship Programme

Integrated impact through inclusive and sustainable urban regeneration



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Impact (Until June 2023)

60 partners engaged
in 32 countries

USD 9.6 M mobilised

15 Knowledge materials
developed

64 cities adopted urban
regeneration policies



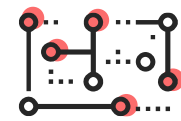
Way Forward: Next 2 Years

Normative: Completion of the advanced drafts of global normative guidance products (SDG Localisation, Migration, Climate, Housing).

Strategic Partnerships: Consolidation of strategic partnerships (WTO, UNESCO, IOC, BIE, AFD, ANRU, ANRUR, national and local governments)

Portfolio Acquisition: Project proposals for 12 national governments (MDOs, BDOs, and others) and Mega-events & urban events as catalyzers of sustainable urban development

Impact: Advance integrated policies and programmes for the localized delivery of 15 SDGs and 45 SDG targets & Scale up its contributions to the UN's system on urban inclusion and local economic development (HLPF, Summit of the Future, World Social Summit, Social and Solidarity Economy)



Mega-Events Legacy



Atlas of Urban Regeneration



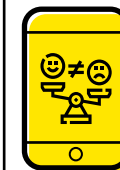
Global, Regional and Local Hubs



Urban Regeneration Initiatives



ESG Framework: Global Playbook



Spatial Inclusion Assessment Framework

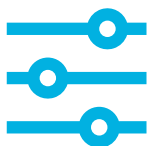


Guidelines for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Regeneration

III. Update on the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) initiative

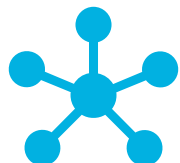
Second UN Habitat Assembly resolution, options and recommendations for operationalizing the SURGe initiative:

Key Requests:



Options for operationalizing SURGe as a meaningful institutional arrangement.

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Strengthening the linkage between urbanization and climate change in alignment with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

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Efforts to mobilize resources & support Member States in climate action.

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III. Update on the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) initiative

Option 1: Ongoing initiative:

Assumes no additional core resources,

maintaining SURGe as

is (**Status Quo**):

- Leverage existing partnerships.
- No institutional support for global SURGe Alliance.
- Funding: No actively sought additional core resources.

Option 2: Partnership initiative:

Requires limited core resources to enhance the initiative through project funding and

partnerships (**Accelerated**

Action):

- Stronger collaboration, dedicated secretariat.
- Accelerate project proposals.
- Core funding: USD1M/year, leveraging USD50M/6 years.

Option 3: Aligned to subprogramme

3: Requires significant core resources (c. USD 5 million per year) to fully

align with SP 3, allowing for internal reprioritization and potential soft

earmarked funding (**Coherent**

Coordination):

- Accelerate UNHA Resolution HSP/HA.2/Res.5.
- Core funding: USD5M/year, leveraging USD500M/6 years.

IV. Update on initiatives on urban crisis prevention and response

Progress in institutional and normative support to partners

Key Initiatives

- Institutional Plan on Solutions to Internal Displacement adopted.
- Guide for Mainstreaming Migration and Displacement in National Urban Policy released.
- Community of Practice on forced displacement established for knowledge exchange and program support.

Multistakeholder Engagement

- Joint programs approved by IDSF in five countries.
- Informal task force (UN agencies, NGOs, UCLG) crafting urban forced displacement solutions framework.
- Expert Group Meeting scheduled for March 2024.

Achievements

- Co-leading with UNHCR in adopting pledges on Housing, Land, and Property, and Climate Resilient Human Settlements at Global Refugee Forum.
- Contributing to three more pledges: UN Common, localization, and a call for local action.

Progress on support to countries experiencing crisis

Gaza Strip Crisis Response

- Mission to support UN-Habitat's Gaza Strip response and prepare report requested by Executive Board
- Participation in EU-UN-WB interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment
- Assessing sites for potential transitional shelter solutions
- Preparing neighborhood based assessments to support area-based responses

Ukraine Crisis Response

- Office and Urban Lab being set up in Kyiv
- Recovery planning activities started in Borydianka and Makariv
- Selection of other municipalities ongoing
- Synergies between the UNITAC project and the urban recovery project further detailed

Other crisis responses

- Response to the earthquake in Syria and Turkiye
- Response to the floods in Derna, Lybia
- Response to the earthquake in Herat, Afghanistan

Comprehensive and up-to-date report on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip: outline preliminary report

Part 1: Scope and the limitations of the report

Part 2: Sets out what is needed and what is already going on in terms of assessing the impact of the war on the human settlements in the Gaza Strip, calling for a focus on neighbourhood functionality

Part 3: Summarizes principles derived from lessons learned from previous reconstruction efforts in the Gaza Strip and relevant examples from elsewhere

Part 4: Set outs pathways from emergency response to recovery and reconstruction taking into account the immense scale of the damage and the uncertainty of when and how the war will end

Part 5: Next steps

Thank you!

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