

This month's UN-Habitat Donor Brief presents UN-Habitat's new vision, features a new planning approach for refugee settlements in Kenya, and gives updates on the financial status and key donors in 2018.



FEEDBACK

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif charts a new vision for UN-Habitat

Executive Director, Mrs. Maimunah Mohd Sharif is launching new changes to ensure that UN-Habitat is well positioned to support implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The seven pillars of change are: **a clear vision and mission, increasing core funding for the agency's normative work and urbanization in general, a focus on impact, transparent and accountable leadership, team work, efficient systems, and effective partnerships for coherent delivery of the urban dimensions of the 2030 sustainable agenda.** These changes are expected to increase trust and confidence with governments, donors, and other partners as they will enhance good governance, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

### A remarkable World Urban Forum

Over 23,000 people from 165 countries attended the **World Urban Forum 9**, held in Kuala Lumpur from 7-13 February 2018, to discuss the New Urban Agenda and how it can help deliver the urban aspects of the SDGs. The Forum had over 500 events including high-profile policy dialogues, networking events, exhibitions, high-level roundtables, tours, and special sessions on good policies and practices on sustainable inclusive urbanization. The Forum concluded with the **Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030** aimed at scaling up implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The document consolidates inputs from urban stakeholders including central and local governments, civil society, private sector, foundations, international and regional organizations, academia, and professionals, among others.

### Dubai International Awards

Following last year's call for the **Dubai International Award for Best Practices**, 10 winners were announced in February this year for their outstanding initiatives towards sustainable urban development. The 10 winners came from Chile, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, the Philippines, South Africa and Switzerland and received prizes ranging from US\$15,000 to US\$30,000. They were selected from 524 entries in 89 countries and represent local authorities, community-based organizations, research and academic institutions and the private sector.

### Major appeal for core contributions

UN-Habitat's Executive Director, Mrs. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, called on Governments to contribute to the core normative work of UN-Habitat and appealed for early contributions in letters sent to Governments. Member States approved a budget of US\$26 million for the 2018-2019 biennium to support implementation of the agency's core normative work of which US\$ 13 million is required in 2018.

### Implementing partners now published on donor website

To increase transparency of UN-Habitat's work and partnerships, our donor website now shows **implementing partners** who supported execution of UN-Habitat programmes in 2017. The information provided includes the registered countries of the partners, programmes they supported, value of grants they were allocated and the donors who contributed to these grants. You can now also access previous issues of this **Donor Brief** on the site.

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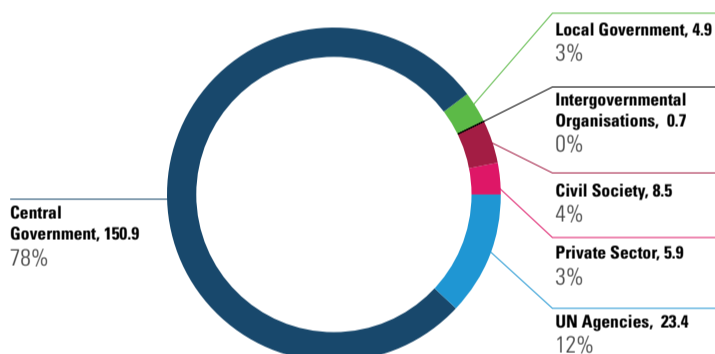
### A new approach to refugee settlements planning

In April, Executive Director, Mrs. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, invited Member States based in Nairobi, to visit a joint programme supported by UN-Habitat, UNHCR, and the Government of Kenya in Turkana county. The programme uses a new approach, developed by UN-Habitat, to planning refugee settlements. The approach shifts away from camps to integrated planning that includes urban basic services and responds to the environmental, social, and economic needs of both refugees and host communities. The new settlement will host some 60,000 refugees and members of the host community. UN-Habitat's support to the programme has mainly come from the Government and people of Japan. Click [here](#) to watch.

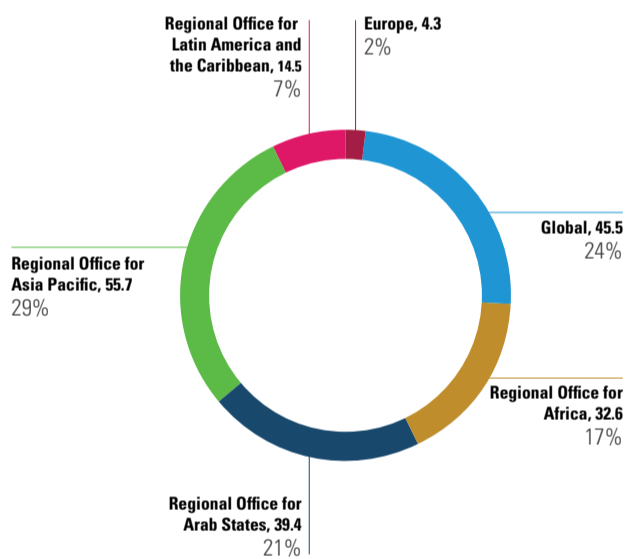
## FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2017, most of UN-Habitat's funding, around 78%, came from central governments, followed by other UN agencies reflecting collaboration within the UN system including joint *delivering as one* country programmes. The region that received the highest level income for regional and country programmes was Asia Pacific, followed by Arab States, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and finally Europe. Income for global programmes amounted to US\$ 45.5 million.

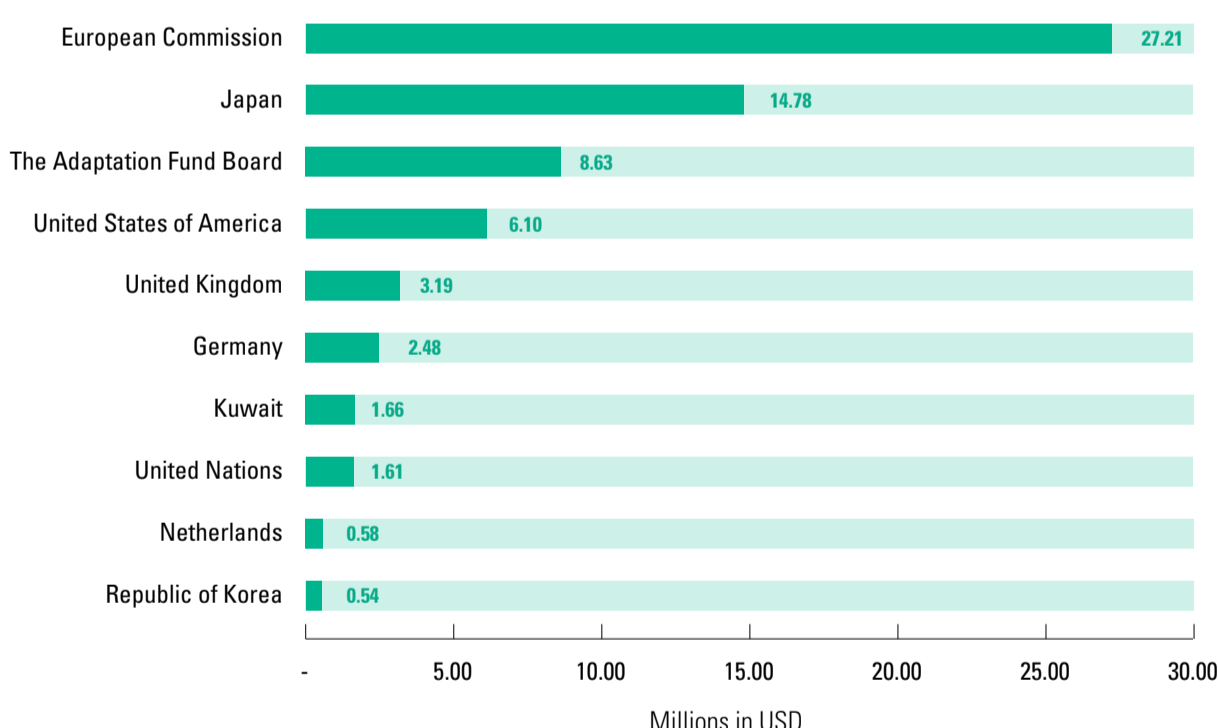
Funding sources in 2017 in millions of US Dollars



Income allocation by region



Highest value grants from January - April 2018



During the first quarter of 2018, thanks to generous support of our development partners UN-Habitat signed agreements of over US\$ 55 million for specific normative and country programmes.

Significant earmarked contributions were received from the **European Commission** for sustainable human settlements to support reintegration in **Afghanistan**; sustainable tourism and green growth for heritage settlements in **Kathmandu Valley, Nepal**; and rehabilitation of the **Dar Al Consul, Jerusalem** residential and civil complex. **Japan** contributed to community-driven shelter and livelihood recovery in **Marawi, Philippines**, and solid waste management in Addis Ababa, **Ethiopia**, while the **United States of America** supported clean and green cities in **Afghanistan** and alternative and affordable food resilience for the cities of **Pemba and Quelimane, Mozambique**. The **United Kingdom's** support addressed the key barriers to sustainable urban development and prosperity for **Brazil, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Nigeria, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, South Africa**. **Germany** contributed to secure access to land and resources for **the Philippines, Laos and Uganda** while the **Kuwait** supported operations of the UN-Habitat Kuwait office. **Netherlands's** support went to securing land tenure for improved food security in **Uganda** and **The Republic of Korea** provided support for a global programme for improved national urban policies and designs.

With respect to support from other donors, significant contributions came from the **Adaptation Fund** to enhance urban resilience to climate change impacts and natural disasters in the **Solomon Islands**, and to increase resilience of informal urban settlements in **Fiji**. Other **UN Agencies** supported recovery, reconstruction and resilience data in **Iraq**.

UN-Habitat appreciates the voluntary non-earmarked contributions received in 2018 for its core normative work from **Czech Republic, Kenya, Norway, and the Philippines**. We appeal for early contributions from all Governments to enable timely delivery of the organization's programme of work as approved by Member States.

Thank you all for your support and for joining hands with UN-Habitat to help achieve our common goal of sustainable urbanization.

